

## DEALING WITH A CRISIS

As we journey through life we will be confronted with struggles at some point in our lives. The world has crisis centers set up in various places for battered wives, abused children, and for homeless victims. Thanks be to God that he has a crisis center set up for believers and its found in the bible. There was a time when the children of Israel were fleeing from Egypt. They found themselves with mountains on both sides, Pharaoh's army at their backs, and the Red Sea in front of them. They had no where to go, they were in a *crisis*. An usually in a crisis we look for help. God is a very present help in a time of trouble. Moses gave them three things to consider during a crisis and they are listed below. The supporting scripture is found in (Ex. 14:13).

### I. Fear Not

- Christians can be confident in a crisis situation because God is always with us. No matter what the situation is Jesus said that he would be with always even until the end of the world.
- Don't be overcome by fear, God didn't give us the spirit of fear (II Tim. 1:7).
- The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear (Ps 27:1)
- When my enemies came upon me they stumbled and fell (Ps 27:2)
- If it had not been for the Lord on my side (Ps 124:1)

### II. Stand Still

- Don't retreat when you are faced with a crisis, but seek the Lord.
- Be like a tree planted by the rivers of water (Ps 1:3), just stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.
- Tree root system is the strength of the tree. How strong is your root system?? Are you anchored in the Lord??
- The battle is the Lord's not yours (I Sam. 17:47).

### III. God Will Work It Out

- There is no problem that he can't solve, is anything too hard for our God (Gen. 18:14).
- Man sees a crisis, but God sees an opportunity to exercise his power.
- He is Elohim (God Almighty).
- He is Jehovah Nissi (God will fight your battles)
- He worked it out when he parted the Red Sea (Ex 14:21), and the horse and the rider got drowned in the Red Sea.

Has God handled any crisis for you lately??