

HOW TO TURN CRISES TO CELEBRATION

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Introduction:

1. Whatever crises we maybe going through, unexpected crises could change our comfortable life anytime
2. Pain crises hurt, but it could turn our life around and make us better people
3. A crises could turn us to Christ and make our life more useful in serving God sand people

Text: Rom. 8:28, 35-39; Heb. 12:2

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[a] have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."[a]
37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[b]neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Heb. 12:2

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

A. There are Crises that Cripple People

1. Crippling crises could suddenly change people's comfortable condition from pleasure to pain, from sunshine to shame
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2. People who crippled psychologically, emotionally, and financially could become socially isolated and lose their joy of living.
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B. There are Crises that Crush People

1. Crises could crush and shatter people's life like a broken glass of expensive perfume

2. Crushed and shattered people could become miserable if they stay alive without hope in Christ in their hearts

3. Some people may even suicide when they are crushed by the death of a love one

C. But Christ Can Cover You and Me in Times of Crises

1. Christ can cover you with His forgiveness if you are crippled and crushed by the load of your sin and guilt.

2. Christ can cover you with His love if you lost your love for God because of the painful crises you have gone through.

3. Christ can cover you with His abiding presence when you feel alone and lonely because nobody seems to care for you anymore.

4. Christ can cover you with His glory when shame darkens your heart and your face because of the wrong things you have done against God, against yourself, and against other people in the past.

5. Christ can cover you with hope when you have nothing to hope for anymore.

6. Christ can cover you with Himself because He died on the cross to cover you with His redeeming blood.

7. When Christ becomes our covering, we can say with Apostle Paul, Galatians 2:20, Philippians 1:21.

Gal 2:20

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Phil. 1:21

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

8. Let God the Father and the Holy Spirit turn your crises to celebration in Christ.

Conclusion:
