

# **TURNING CONTRARY WINDS INTO VICTORY**

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Mat 14:23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

Mat 14:24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

Mat 14:25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

Mat 14:26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

Mat 14:27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

2Co 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

2Co 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

1. **Sometimes what may look like a setback can turn around to be a set up for God to work a miracle in your life.**
2. We live in a negative world with all kinds of negative problems and difficult ties that arise every day.
3. How we deal with them in our hearts and minds, determines how much victory we are going to have in our lives.
4. We can use negative situations as a stepping stone to greater victory.

## 5. It takes both negative and positive to bring light.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John.

Joh 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe.

Joh 1:8 He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

Joh 1:9 *That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Isa 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

1. Jesus took sin and misery and brought joy unspeakable and full of glory
2. He brought sickness and brought healing and rejoicing
3. He took impossible situations and brought hope
4. He took death brought life.

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Isa 61:4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

## TURNING NEGATIVES INTO VICTORY AND HOPE

### Jesus is our prime example:

1. Turned a marriage supper into new wine
2. Turned a leper into a next door neighbor
3. Turned a lame man into a productive citizen
4. Turned a thief into a giving person (four fold will I return)
5. Turned a demon possessed person into a faithful disciple (Mary Magdalene)
6. Turned a funeral procession into a victory march

7. Turned a barren women into a housekeeper
8. Turned an immoral woman into a saint of God
9. Turned a demon possessed man that wore no clothes and that broke every chain the society tried to bind him with into a person clothed and in his right mind sitting at the feet of Jesus.
10. Took a deaf and dumb person and made it possible that he could read and write and speak clearly.

**Apostle Paul the writer of over half the New Testament as our Example:**

1. **When he was shipwrecked:**

Act 27:9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished *them*,

Act 27:10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

Act 27:11 **Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.**

Act 27:12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, *and there* to winter; *which* is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

Act 27:13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete.

Act 27:14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

Act 27:15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let *her* drive.

Act 27:16 And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat:

Act 27:17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

Act 27:18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they lightened the ship;

**Act 27:19** And the third *day* we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

Act 27:20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

**Act 27:21** But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, **Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.**

**Act 27:22** And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.

**Act 27:23** For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

Act 27:24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

**Act 27:25** Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

**Act 27:29** Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

**Act 27:30** And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

**Act 27:31** Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

### STEPS TO SERVIVAL

1. Listen to the right voices:

Acts 27:11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.”

2. Get rid of anything that is hindering you from staying afloat:

Act 27:19 And the third *day* we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

3. **Get a Word from God:** (Listen to your Preacher)

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4. **Stay in the Ship:** (The Church)

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Isa 43:2 When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Luk 17:33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

5. **Pray in Faith:**

Jas 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

Jas 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

Jas 1:7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Jas 1:8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

6. **Let His Word abide in you and direct you:**

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Jer 10:24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Psa 119:105 NUN. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

7. **Not to lean on thine own understanding**

Pro 3:4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Pro 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

**The Key to Victory is submission and Obedience = Great Victory!**

**Psa 37:5** Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass.

**Pro 16:3** Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

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**Commit** - literally, as a man transfers a burden from his own back to one stronger and better able to bear it.

**Thy thoughts** - The plans or counsels out of which the works spring.

