

Providence in Our Every Day Lives

God is working all things for our good, Romans 8.28. God is always positioning the puzzle pieces within the created order. It happens on every level. Briefly consider your life. Think of how God has continually come to your rescue. He is the one who has gotten you through. Each of us have very personal testimonies regarding how God has positioned all of the puzzle pieces of our personal lives to get us where we are today. Today we'll seek to look at how God is working inside your life every single day ... again, for the purpose of getting you home.

I. God is Helping You Overcome Your Uncertainties and Problems

- A. Job 5:7: *Humans are born for **trouble** as surely as sparks fly upward.*
- B. Where do we turn?
 - 1. 1 Peter 5:7: *casting all your **cares** on him, because he cares about you.*
 - 2. Isaiah 43:1-2: *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you and the rivers will not **overwhelm** you, When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched and the flame will not burn you.*
 - 3. Luke 12:6-7: *Aren't five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. Indeed, the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be **afraid**;*
- C. You are not alone.
- D. Will you declare how He is working in your life?
 - 1. Psalm 96:3: **Declare** his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples.

II. God is Helping You Through Prayer

- A. Psalm 145:18-19: *The Lord is **near** all who call out to him, all who call out to him with integrity. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he **hears** their cry for help and saves them.*
- B. Our heavenly father wants us to make our requests to Him ...
 - 1. Matthew 7:7-8: **Ask**, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
 - 2. Prayer, providence, and trust... will we pray that God will do whatever is best ... and we trust His wisdom?

III. God is Helping You in His Work

- A. We all have a job to do in the body, 1 Corinthians 12.14-20.
- B. Our top priority needs to be to faithfully serve in the work God has given us to do.
 - 1. Philippians 4:13: *I am able to do all things through him who **strengthens** me.*

IV. Conclusion

- A. *Ephesians 3:20-21: Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the **power** that works in us—to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*
- B. God has armed us with trust in His goodness and power to govern the world.
- C. God is there ... providing for us in every situation ... and we know ... that he'll be with us when we reach the other side ... Do you believe?