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The Biblical God Picture

God loves me unconditionally and He wants **me to love Him back.**

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God wants **to develop me here and now to be more like Him.**

Ephesians 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.

God wants **to use me and my abilities for His grand plans.**

Eph. 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

In 2017, I am going to trust God to **flip my difficult obstacles into divine opportunities.**

2 Samuel 23:20-23 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, who performed great exploits. He struck down two of Moab's best men. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. And he struck down a huge Egyptian. Although the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear. Such were the exploits of Benaiah son of Jehoiada; he too was as famous as the three mighty men. He was held in greater honor than any of the Thirty, but he was not included among the Three. And David put him in charge of his bodyguard.

Benaiah means **"Built up by the Lord"**

1 Chronicles 27:5-6 *The third army commander, for the third month, was Benaiah... He was chief and there were 24,000 men in his division. This was the Benaiah who was a mighty man among the Thirty and was over the Thirty.*

1 Kings 4:1-2,4 *So King Solomon ruled over all Israel. And these were his chief officials: Benaiah — commander in chief....*

In 2017, I am going to stop asking God to **get me out of my difficult circumstances** and start asking God **what He wants to get out of me from my difficult circumstances.**

Sometimes, God wants **to get out of me more maturity.**

James 1:2-4 *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

Sometimes, God wants **to get out of me more ministry.**

2 Cor. 1:3-4 *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.*

In 2017, I am going to **do the best I can with what I have where I am.**

Eph. 5:15-16 *Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.*

In 2017, I am going to **learn from those who are living large for the Lord.**

Additional Study on Turning Obstacles into Opportunities:

Monday	Romans 5:3-8
Tuesday	I Corinthians 10:13
Wednesday	Romans 8:28-35
Thursday	Isaiah 41:13 and Isaiah 43:1-3
Friday	Galatians 6:7-10

