

NOW WHAT? Getting Through Hopelessness, Loss, & Heartache May 27, 2018

To get through hopelessness, loss, hurt, heartache, pain, & drama:

****Step 1 Know, speak, live, & run to the Word of God.**

Romans 8:31 TPT ... If God has determined to stand w/ us, tell me, who then could ever stand against us? ...**35** Who could ever separate us from the endless love of God's Anointed One? *Absolutely no one!* For nothing in the universe has the power to diminish His love toward us. Troubles, pressures, & problems are unable to come between us & heaven's love. What about persecutions, deprivations, dangers & death threats? No, for they're all impotent to hinder omnipotent love...**37** Yet even in the midst of all these things, we triumph over them all, for God has made us to be more than conquerors, & His demonstrated love is our glorious victory over everything! **38** So now I live w/ the confidence that there's nothing in the universe w/ the power to separate us from God's love. I'm convinced that His love will triumph over death, life's troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens. There's nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken His love.

****Step 2 Have the right identity, God's identity of you.**

****Step 3 Have a clear vision & divine guidance.**

****Step 4 Gain new thoughts, knowledge, & a new way of thinking.**

****Step 5 Fight to the finish, stay faithful & endure to the end.**

2 Timothy 4:7 TPT I have fought an excellent fight. I have finished my full course and I've kept my heart full of faith.

PANEL QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

In approximately 2 minutes, tell us one of your life struggles, losses, painful heartaches, hopeless times you've had in your lifetime.

Describe some of the **emotions** you felt (fear, sorrow, grief, depression, anger, anxiety, shame, etc.)

Explain some of the **consequences** you experienced (loss of property, extra work, outcast, loss of privilege, broken relationships, addiction, loss of job, alone, pay restitution, etc.) during those times.

Which of the **5 steps** that we've talked about in the series do you wish you would have known or focused on more in your times of struggle?