

Maybe So, maybe Not

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# Maybe So, Maybe Not

- Moral of the story provides a powerful lesson
- The truth is we don't know what's going to happen but.....
- We think we do
- We often make a big deal out of something.
- We blow up scenarios in our minds about the worst possibilities
- Learn to keep our cool
- Stay open to possibilities

“If you have troubles, come in & tell me all about them. If you don’t have troubles, come in & tell me how you do it.”

# How do you respond when Life Deals You A Lemon?.....

- The Truth about trials (James 1:2-12)
- The feelings of powerlessness that trials bring
- The Christian does not have to be a victim of his circumstance
- We can experience victory through faith in Christ

# 4 Essentials for Victory in Trials

- Count - A Joyful Attitude James 1:2
- Know -An Understanding Mind James 1:3
- Let - A Surrendered Will James 1:4, 9-11
- Ask - A Heart that Wants to Believe  
James 1:5-8

# 4 Essentials for Victory in Trials

- Count - A Joyful Attitude James 1:2
- Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds
- Consider carefully
  - a. Consider the facts about trials
  - b. Consider many different trials
  - c. Consider your response to your trials
- Job 23:10 When God has finished with me, I shall shine as gold

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- Know - An Understanding Mind James 1:3
- for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness
- a. Faith is always tested — to increase our faith!
- b. Testing works for us, not against us!
- c. Trials rightly used help us to mature

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- Let - A Surrendered Will James 1:4, 9-11
- God needs our co-operation to build our character
- Ephesians 2:8-10
  - a. for us - salvation
  - b. in us – we are His workmanship
  - c. through us – this is service

# 4 Essentials for Victory in Trials

- Ask - A Heart that Wants to Believe  
James 1:5-8
- If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God . . .
- Wisdom is more than knowledge.  
Someone has said that knowledge is the ability to take things apart, while wisdom is the ability to put them together
- Wisdom is using knowledge rightly

# Coming out of the Pit

David said, "I waited patiently for the Lord... and  
He heard me.

God heard me and brought me up out of the pit!

God heard me and brought me up out of the miry  
clay!

And he set my feet on the solid rock.

# Coming out of the Pit

God heard David, and God will hear us also!

Psalms 3:4 - I cried unto the LORD with my voice,  
and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.

Psalms 34:4 - I sought the LORD, and he heard  
me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalms 120:1 - In my distress I cried unto the  
LORD, and he heard me.

# All things happen for God's purpose

## The Story of Naomi Ruth Chapters 1-4



# The Sweetness at the End

Abraham begat Isaac, Isaac begat Jacob, Jacob begat Judas, and Judas begat Phares .....

Salmon begat Boaz, Boaz begat Obed of **Ruth**, Obed begat Jesse, Jesse begat David, David begat Solomon.....

Mathan begat Jacob, Jacob begat Joseph, Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born **Jesus, who is called the Christ.**

# Conclusion

- AMEN !
- Let it be so
- Because we can be sure that eventually all will be well in God's plan