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God Is In Control Working Everything For Good

Let's consider some people's lives in the Bible:

Daniel was a young man when war came to his country. Violently he was torn from his parents, friends, and nation. He was taken to a strange land where he was tempted to compromise his faith and was trained in heathen culture. His life would never be the same. Whatever dreams he had were gone forever. And yet out of a lonely, young man's tears, was God in control? Over the years Daniel became a top man in the land. He was able to advise different world rulers and influence the course of history. More importantly, he developed a close, intimate relationship with God. God is in control.

What about Ruth? After about ten years of marriage her husband died. The man of her dreams was suddenly gone. Not only that but also she was left a poor widow. How could she survive? In those days a single woman couldn't just go out and apply for a job and there was no welfare office. She was totally helpless. Still, in spite of the grief and pain, she decided to go to a strange country with her mother-in-law and commit herself to the God of Israel. Was God in control? He gave her a new [and wealthy] husband. She also became one of the ancestors of Jesus. And she was honored by having her story told in the Holy Word of God. None of this would have been possible if not for the first tragedy. Naomi was likewise blessed with a daughter-in-law like Ruth and the joy of grandchildren even though she had lost her husband and her two sons. God is in control.

Joseph was a young man when his own brothers sold him as a slave. He was violently ripped from his beloved father and home. All his dreams of the future were destroyed. In Egypt God blessed him and he rose to be the head slave in the house of a wealthy man. And then disaster struck again! He was falsely accused of rape and thrown into the dungeon. For thirteen long years he was either a slave or in prison. Was God in control? In God's timing Joseph rose to be second-in-command of all Egypt, and saved many people from starvation. God is in control.

When we come face-to-face with the problems, disasters, and tragedies of life, we need to remember **God IS** in control. Our lives are in His hand. If we are walking in fellowship with Him, then nothing can touch us unless it is allowed by God for our good.

God does not rescue us from the 'facts of life.' We face the same problems everyone else faces plus the fact that the Satanic realm would love to get its grimy paws on us. Even when evil people deliberately hurt us, God is in control. He doesn't always stop it, but He takes what they mean for our harm and turns it around for our benefit.

"¹⁶For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; ¹⁸While 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." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Regularly Scheduled Sunday Services:</u> 10:30 a.m. — Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. — Evening Worship						1
2 Carol Stapleton	3	4	5 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Chad Chapman	6	7	8
9 Doug Moore	10 Elder's Meeting Diana Lunsford	11	12 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	13 Harold Justice Seth Russell	14 Vickie Gumm	15
16	17	18	19 Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor Tim & Mrs. Debbie Cole	20 Ridley Cole	21 Roger Lewis	22 Marty Forsythe
23	24	25	26 Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Bill Deaton	29 Mr. & Mrs. Mick Isaacs
30	31	SUNDAY SERVICES & WEDNESDAY EVENING SER- VICE WILL BE STREAMED LIVE ON FACEBOOK. THEY ALSO WILL BE PLACED ON OUR WEBPAGE: www.millvilleavenue.com the following day.				