

Crisis Response Scripture Study

What do we learn from God's Word about His response to crisis?

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But, take heart, because I have overcome the world. – *John 16:33*

He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. – *2 Corinthians 1:4*

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. – *2 Thessalonians 3:16*

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. – *Hebrews 10: 23*

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. – *Hebrews 12:3*

What does God's Word say to us about helping those in crisis?

Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine, and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' Now which of these would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits? – *Luke 10:33-36 (Jesus telling the story of the traumatized man and the Samaritan who helped him)*

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. – *Galatians 6:2*

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone – especially to those in the family of faith. – *Galatians 6:9-10*

We sent him to strengthen you, to encourage you in your faith, and to keep you from being shaken by the troubles you were going through. – *1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 (Paul writing to the Thessalonians about why he sent Timothy to them)*

Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people. – *Philemon 7*

So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong. Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. – *Hebrews 12:12-15*

And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God. – *Hebrews 13:16*

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. – *1 Peter 5:8-10*

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. – *1 John 3:18*

Personal Reflection

(use this space to write your responses)

How do these verses speak to needed areas of growth for you?

How do the verses above speak words of comfort to you in times of crisis?

What other scripture verses are a comfort to you in times of crisis?