



How to Live through a Bad Day
Pt. 2 – Minister to Others in the Moment

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Luke 23:39-43 (NIV), “One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus answered him, ‘**I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.**’”

1. It _____ us from our own struggle.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NLT), “³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. **4He 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 1:5 (NLT), “For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.”

2. It helps us overcome _____.

Philippians 1:12-14 (NLT), “¹²And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that **everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News.** ¹³For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. ¹⁴And **because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence** and boldly speak God’s message without fear.”

Philippians 4:11-13 (NIV), “¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for **I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.** ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³**I can do all this through him who gives me strength.**”

3. It helps us find our own _____.

Isaiah 58:10-11 (NIV), “If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your **light** will rise in the **darkness**, and your **night** will become like the **noontday**. The Lord will guide you always; **he will satisfy your needs** in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.”

Romans 8:28 (NLT), “And we know that God causes **everything to work together for the good** of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

4. It provides us _____ support.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT), “A person standing **alone** can be **attacked** and defeated, but two can stand **back-to-back** and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.”

5. It reminds us of our _____ perspective.

Luke 23:43 (NKJV), “**Assuredly,** I say to you today you will **be with Me** in **paradise.**”

John 14:1-2 (NIV), “Do not let your **hearts be troubled**. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I am going there to prepare a place for you.**”