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“Hang on, Possibilities Exist”

Mistakes that we make in times of Trouble

- A. We let the crisis play with our **head**.
- B. We tend to react rather **respond**.

I. Five things to hang on to.

- A. Hang on to your **hope**.

(v. 1) In times of trouble, may the Lord answer your cry.
(v. 1) May the name of the God of Jacob keep you safe from all harm.
(v. 3) May we shout for joy when we hear of your victory...
(v. 8) ... we will rise up and stand firm.

- 1. Hope is best described as **optimism**.
 - a. Not because we live in a good **world**, but because we belong to a good **God**.

"For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him." (Isaiah 64:4)

- B. Hang on to your **Commitments**.

(v. 3) "May he remember all your gifts and look favorably on your burnt offerings."

- 1. The reason to keep your commitments is because God doesn't **forget** what you do.

"For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do." (Hebrews 6:10)

"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." (Galatians 6:9)

- C. Hang on to your **dreams**.

(v. 4) May he grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed.

- 1. To **love** and be loved,

2. To **help** others,
3. To do work that is meaningful and **fulfilling**,
4. To make a **difference**, and to **enjoy** life while doing it.

D. Hang on to your **Prayer** life

(v. 5) May the Lord answer all your prayers.

(v. 9) Give victory to our king, O Lord! Answer our cry for help.

1. God **wants** to answer your prayers.
2. What's the primary prerequisite for answered prayer?
 - a. You first have to **pray**.

E. Hang on to your **Priorities**.

(v. 7) Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God.

My level of happiness and peace and satisfaction and contentment isn't based on what is going on around me; it's based on what God is doing through me.