



# DEALING WITH DIFFICULTIES

## Stage Four of Faith

### INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m.  
Scripture Reading: Job 14:1, Jn 16:33

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#### Introduction:

- A. Difficulties and trouble are a part of life (Jn 16:33).
- B. There are three keys to dealing with difficulties.

#### I. DETERMINE THE REASON FOR THE DIFFICULTY.

- A. David did not receive the insight he needed until he went into the house of God to **w**\_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 73:16).
- B. Three common mistakes are illustrated for us from Acts 27.
  - 1. We listen to bad advice (Acts 27:11).
  - 2. We follow the **c**\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 27: 12).
  - 3. We rely on circumstances (Acts 27:13).

#### II. DETERMINE THE RESULT. What am I to learn from this?

- A. Regardless of the source, God has a purpose for every problem.
- B. The problem is temporary but the purpose is **p**\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor 4:17).
- C. God can use every difficulty for our development.

#### III. DETERMINE MY RESPONSE. How Should I react?

- A. What happens to me is not as important as *how* I respond to it.
- B. We find illustrated for us from Acts 27 **three wrong responses**:
  - 1. Difficulties can cause us to **d**\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 27:15).
  - 2. Difficulties can cause us to discard (Acts 27: 18).
  - 3. Difficulties can cause us to despair (Acts 27: 20).
- C. What is the **right response** to difficulties?
  - 1. Confess my part (Proverbs 28:13).
  - 2. Confront the problem (Acts 27:34-40).
  - 3. Claim God's promises (Acts 27:25),

#### Conclusion:

Prove your discipleship by handling difficulties with patience!

#### MY NOTES

#### SCRAMBLED ANSWERS

drift

permanent

crowd

worship