

Every Crutch Gone

When God takes everything away: Lessons from the life of David **1 Samuel** Chris Mueller 6-14-2020

Introduction:

Ecclesiastes 7:14 *In the day of prosperity be happy, But in the day of adversity consider— God has made the one as well as the other.*

Isaiah 45:7 *The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the Lord who does all these.*

Lamentations 3:38 *Is it not from the mouth of the Most High, That both good and ill go forth?*

Genesis 50:20 *As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.*

1 Samuel 18:5, 14, 15, 30

#1 The Crutch of a Good _____

1 Samuel 19:8-10

Matthew 6:19-21 *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

Matthew 6:25 *Do not be anxious for your life, as to what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor for your body, as to what you shall put on.*

Matthew 6:33 *But seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you*

Matthew 6:24 *No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*

Psalms 119:67, 71 *Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word. It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.*

#2 The Crutch of His _____

1 Samuel 18:14-16

1 Samuel 18:20-21

1 Samuel 19:11-17

Genesis 50:20 *As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.*

#3 The Crutch of his _____ leader

1 Samuel 19:18-19

1 Samuel 19:20-22

1 Samuel 19:18

#4 The Crutch of your closest _____

1 Samuel 20:1-3

1 Samuel 20:4 and 16-17

1 Samuel 20:30-34

1 Samuel 20: 41 – 42

1 Samuel 21:1- 2

#5 The Crutch of His _____

1 Samuel 21:10-15

Romans 8:28 *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

For **SOME** who need Christ

For **OTHERS** who know Christ

Don't turn to _____, turn to _____

When He takes THINGS away... =

When He takes PEOPLE away... =

When He takes HEALTH away... =

No matter what CRUTCH is taken away... =

CHALLENGE 1

Give something up this week

CHALLENGE 2

Confess your three biggest crutches

CHALLENGE 3

Describe how certain difficult events or people actually helped you to grow closer to Christ

QUESTIONS:

1. What are some crutches/idols that are unique to kids/students/collegians? Are there unique crutches for moms and dads?
2. Why are crutches so hard to let go of? How do we justify them, and how do we get rid of them?
3. Are crutches always blatant sin issues? If not, then name as many as you can which are not sin in and of themselves?
4. How do crutches get between you and God? What will do this week, to stop leaning on crutches and depend on Christ?



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