

## Conclusion: Seek God in Good Times and Bad

*EVEN WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE THE WORLD IS FALLING APART, GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL.*

As we weigh how to think during this challenging time, it's good to remember the words of Job. "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" ([Job 1:21](#)). Even when it seems like the world is falling apart, God is still in control. **Job truly has lived by faith.**

We can see from the life of Job that we can trust God in good times and bad.

Here's a video link if you want to hear/watch more about Job

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GswSg2ohqmA>

But this might not take away our fears or anxieties' about what is going to happen at the end of all of this, but having anxieties is normal, and that's okay.

Ecclesiastes states that there is a time for everything,

Ecclesiastes 3 says there's a time for \_\_\_\_\_ fill in the blanks. There's a time to be anxious, and that's just human but whenever you're sitting in your anxiety and basking in your fears, that's when it goes too far.

There's a time for anxiety and fear, but it should be turning into confidence, from learning in that situation that God has and will always be in control of the world and your specific life.

How does the anxiety or fear turn into confidence you may ask? By simply looking to Jesus of course. We can see this all throughout the New Testament but the verse I want to point out is Ephesians 3:12 <sup>12</sup>In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. <sup>13</sup>I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

By having faith in God, we may approach God with freedom and confidence. By taking our fears and anxiety to Him in our hearts and minds and spirits, to be cleansed and turned into confidence.

Hebrews 4:16 expands on this thought a little more.

<sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

By having faith, we may receive mercy and grace, to help us in our time of need. To grow from anxiety to confidence, to grow instead of basking in anxiety.

To finish up this thought I want to take a look at David's example of resigning our fears to the Will of God.. David had just had a man killed because he had gotten his

wife pregnant. He wanted to cover it up by having him murdered in battle.. and he did, and God told David through the prophet Nathan that the child who belonged to David would die.

If you read that passage it describes that up to the point of the death of his baby, he was praying and weeping and fasting, pleading God not take his son, because of his mistakes, but God did, and right when God took the baby, David got up and stopped crying, and weeping, and he cleaned himself and ate, and his servants were confused .. and this is what it says

<sup>22-23</sup> "While the child was alive," he said, "I fasted and wept, thinking God might have mercy on me and the child would live. But now that he's dead, why fast? Can I bring him back now? I can go to him, but he can't come to me."

I want you to ponder this in your own heart and try to find the conclusion of what is being meant here.

God knows what's happening and is intimately involved in this and every situation, including in your life. However you're affected by this event, God sees every detail and is merciful ([Psalm 145:9](#)). Continue to trust him despite the chaos that may surround you. He is worthy of our confidence.

If you don't know the Lord or you are not sure if you do, seek him while he may be found. See the [gospel of Jesus Christ](#).