

A Christian's Reaction to Stressful Times

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The situation in Jerusalem was one of immense danger. The northern kingdom of Israel was being overrun by the Assyrians, and in the southern kingdom the holy city of Jerusalem was being threatened by the same army that had invaded the north. Isaiah was in that city, and his writings allow us to sense what was happening.

To study this event gives tremendous insight into how individuals react to stressful times.

Stressful times should create humble hearts before God. Isaiah said, "And in that day the Lord God of hosts called for weeping and for mourning, for baldness and for girding with sackcloth" (**Isa. 22:12**). Had Judah looked around them they would have seen how dire the circumstances were. The city was not only being threatened by Assyrians but the armies of Kir (Syria) and Elam (Persia) were also part of the attacking forces (**Isa. 22:6**). The valleys around the holy city were filled with chariots of the enemy, and there were breaches (gaps) in the walls (**Isa. 22:7-9**). It was a time when the Jews should have been on their knees, clothed in the sackcloth of repentance. *Such simply was not happening!*

Stressful times are times when we foolishly seek comfort in material things. God had called for repentance, "But instead, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating meat and drinking wine: 'Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die'" (**Isa. 22:13**)! How remarkable it is that we ignore the God of all comfort when we really need comfort. This is the avenue of escape those with addictions seek, but the seeking of comfort in material things is also the route taken by many. When adversity comes our way we no longer spend time with His word. We become sporadic in church attendance. We push the spiritual out of our lives in so many ways. The "let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die" philosophy is such a fatalistic view of life. It may be the only source the ungodly have, but Christians have an amazing source of spiritual comfort and hope.

Stressful times either bring us closer to God or distance us from Him. How closely we live to God is determined by us. James said, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (**James 4:8**). When we humble ourselves before Him, He always lifts us up (**James 4:10**). The adversity in the days of Isaiah became Satan's tool to destroy spirituality in Jerusalem, when it could have been the instrument used by God to create greater spirituality. Israel decided which it would be.

So the next time you are burdened, just remember that *you* determine if that situation is a blessing or a curse!



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are not expected to give money but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during Bible study and worship.



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Placing membership

It was announced last Sunday that Dave and Pam Schnell are placing membership here at LaSalle. Let's make Dave and Pam feel welcome. PS... Dave and Pam grew up in this congregation.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Louella Hopkins is recuperating from a broken wrist.

Pat Hazlett is still dealing with an upper respiratory infection.

Anna Brink is under the weather with a cold.

Jack Curnew is recovering from hernia surgery he had Mar. 3rd. As of Wednesday he was still in the hospital.

Lula Elder, Jeff Elder's mother, is dealing with declining health.

Robert Smith, a friend since childhood of Maria Swindlehurst's daughter Danielle, has been involved with drugs and has completed rehab and is in need of prayers to help him continue on the path away from drugs.

Kristen, Maria Swindlehurst's niece, is dealing with emotional struggles.

Mark Killian, Louella Hopkins daughter's father in law, age 68, found out he has stage 3 lung cancer. It was learned Mar. 6 that it has spread to the brain and he began chemo on Mar. 9.

Terry, Louella Hopkin's daughter in law Michelle's stepfather, has been in I.C.U. for two weeks because of an infection in his intestine that is causing bleeding.

Annie Mueller, Bruce Brink's 2 yr. old cousin, has been admitted to Children's Hospital in PA with pneumonia. She is now home and doing much better.

Let's pray for those involved in the recent tornado that hit Nashville TN and surrounding areas.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Let's pray for the congregation in Fenwick, ONT as they do the same.

Also

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at **Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries**.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House / Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Mar. 15 Today. Men's Business Meeting

Mar. 21 Ladies' Day Horseheads, NY Please see posting.

Mar. 29 5th Sunday Singing / Linwood church of Christ / 3 PM

Weekly Budget \$1,843

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,560

Attendance Last Sunday 50

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Class Matthew

Sermon Topic Today: Grace Came Teaching

Scripture Reading: Titus 2:11-15

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Class 10 AM

Wed. PM Bible Class 2nd Kings



Serving Today

Announcements Bruce Brink

Song Leader Rodney Jones

Direct Communion Mark Dailey

Serve Bruce Brink

Serve Ron Cameron

Serve Zach Hansen

Clean Trays Audrey Dailey



Do you believe? Do you know what you believe?

Open the Word with other Believers on Sunday and Wednesday nights. James says "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do." (**James 2.18**)

Let others see your faith in Bible Study. We are studying Matthew on Sundays and will be starting Revelation on Wednesday nights

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible Class is beginning a new lesson series this Tuesday morning on "Letters to the Churches" in the book of Revelation. Class begins at 10:00AM. See Audrey if you'd like a copy of the lesson so you can be prepared to join the bible study discussion. Lessons are \$3. We hope to see you there.

HORSEHEADS LADIES' DAY

A group of ladies will be traveling to Horseheads to attend the Ladies' Day on Saturday, March 21st. Please see Audrey if you'd like to attend. We will be leaving the LaSalle church building at 6:00 AM **SHARP**. Space is limited.



Thank You
Song Leaders

