

## **CO-INCIDENCES VS GOD-INCIDENCES**

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD ENTERS THE PICTURE – “BUT GOD”**

#### **WHEN YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH SIN**

1. THE RICH FARMER THOUGHT HE WAS IN CHARGE - (Luke 12:20) "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"
2. THE UNJUST SERVANT WAS NOT MERCIFUL (Luke 16:15) He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."

#### **WHEN YOU UNSURE ABOUT THE FUTURE**

1. NOAH THOUGHT GOD FORGOT ABOUT THEM ON THE ARK (Gen 8:1) But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded.
2. JOSEPH ANSWERED PHARAOH'S DREAM (Gen 41:16) "I cannot do it," Joseph replied to Pharaoh, "but God will give Pharaoh the answer he desires."

#### **WHEN GODS PLANS DO NOT MAKE SENSE**

1. JOSEPH'S BROTHERS SOLD HIM INTO SLAVERY (Gen 50:20) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (Acts 7:9) "Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him (Gen 45:7) But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance. (Gen 45:8) "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.
2. PETER ACCEPTS ALL FOOD (Acts 10:28) He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean."

#### **WHEN YOU THINK YOU CAN OUTMANOEUVRE GOD**

1. BALAAM WANTED TO MAKE SOME MONEY (Num 22:12) But God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them. You must not put a curse on those people, because they are blessed." (Num 22:22) But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the LORD stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.
2. SAUL WANTED TO KILL DAVID (1Sam 23:14) David stayed in the desert strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph. Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands.

#### **WHEN PRAYER DOES NOT MAKE SENSE**

1. JESUS SAYS GOD HEARS (John 1:18) No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.
2. WE HAVE THE SPIRIT THAT PRAYES FOR US (1Cor 2:10) but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

## **WHEN YOU FEEL THE WHOLE WORLD IS AGAINST YOU**

1. JEHOSEPHAT THOUGH JUDAH WAS DOOMED (2Ch 20:15) He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.
2. DAVID KNEW TO TRUST GOD (Psalm 49:15) But God will redeem my life from the grave; he will surely take me to himself. (Psalm 73:26) My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
3. PAUL WAS IN PRISON (2Cor 7:6) But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus,

### **WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO TO FOR HELP GOD FORGIVES**

1. (Mark 2:7) "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
2. (Luke 5:21) The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
3. (Rom 5:8) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
4. (Gal 2:20) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **WHEN YOU ARE FEELING WEAK AS A CHRISTIAN**

1. (1Cor 1:27) But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.
2. (1Cor 3:6) I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.
3. (Heb 3:4) For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

### **WHEN IT SEEMED THAT SATAN HAD WON THE BATTLE JESUS HAS DEFEATED DEATH**

1. (Acts 2:24) But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.
2. (Acts 3:15) You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.
3. (Acts 10:40) but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen.
4. (Acts 13:30) But God raised him from the dead,
5. (1Cor 15:20) But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
6. (Heb 5:5) So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."