

The Promise of God's Deliverance – Part 5
 Escape Through Coping
 11/15/23

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Recently – began a new series – God's Deliverance – 5 Parts
- Title – The Promise of God's Deliverance – Part 5
 Escape Through Coping
- History of these presentations
 - The first time – sermon on 7/25/98
 - In 2009 – I gave a 5-part Bible study series
 - Between 2000 & 2017 – I presented the subject to 30 congregations
 - In 2020 – I gave a 5-part sermon series
- Comment – While the 5 main points are the same, I have changed some of the scriptures on the handout – and the extemporaneous comments are certainly different

1 Cor. 10:13

God is faithful

- Not tempted above what you are able
- Will make a way of escape
- That you may be able to bear it

Part 1 – Escape Through Dramatic Miracle

Part 2 – Escape Through Death

Part 3 – Escape Through Hiding

Part 4 – Escape Through Leaving

Part 5 – Escape Through Coping

For the record, I am NOT a licensed counselor – I am not trained in the field of a psychology
 I am a pastor who uses the Bible as a source to help people to cope with life's challenges
 Through the years – I have enjoyed reading books – which are designed to help people cope
 Through the years – I have given away books – which are designed to help people cope

Allow me to list a couple of my favorite books – which I have given away
 Notice how old these books are

Hide or Seek – 1974, 1979 and 1999 – by Dr. James Dobson
 The Strong-Willed Child – 1978 and 2004 – by Dr. James Dobson
 The Two Sides of Love – 1990 – by Gary Smalley and John Trent
 The Key to Your Child's Heart – 1992 – by Gary Smalley
 One-Way Relationships – 1990 – Alfred Ells
 One-Way Relationships Workbook – 1992 – Alfred Ells
 Boundaries – 1992 – by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend
 Boundaries Workbook – 1995 – Henry Cloud and John Townsend
 Surviving in an Angry World – 2010 – Charles F. Stanley

At this time, I want to engage your mind – by introducing a series of related questions

1. When we seek God’s involvement in our life, does God do everything for us?
 2. How much does God do for people?
 3. How much does God expect people to do for themselves?
 4. What is the mixture of what God does and what people do?
- For the record – I am organizing this presentation within 4 common-sense concepts
 1. The Heavenly Father begins with foundational love
(1 John 4:19 – we love Him, because He first loved us)
 2. The Heavenly Father teaches – through knowledge & through experience
 3. The Heavenly Father guides through tough situations
 4. The Heavenly Father enjoys watching His children succeed
 - Let’s notice the 4 concepts – in the life of Jesus Christ and in the life of the apostle Paul
 1. The Heavenly Father begins with foundational love

Matt. 3:17

Son of God – from His birth
“this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased”

Gal. 1:15

Paul – chosen from his mother’s womb

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Paul – I persecuted the church of God beyond measure

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Paul – I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries

Rom. 8:14-17

Paul – in life – accepted God as his Father

2. The Heavenly Father teaches – through knowledge & through experience

John 8:28

Son of God – as My Father taught Me, I speak these things

Heb. 5:7-8

Son of God – learned obedience by the things He suffered

Phil. 3:3-6

Paul – tremendous knowledge

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Paul – with added experience

3. The Heavenly Father guides through tough situations

Matt. 26:36-37

Son of God – faced challenged – (Luke 22:43 – angels helped)

2 Cor. 1:3-10

Paul – described God comforting him in his trials

2 Cor. 12:7-9

to Paul – “My grace is sufficient for you”

4. The Heavenly Father enjoys watching His children succeed

Matt. 27:46

Son of God – My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?

Phil. 4:11-12

Paul – learning how to handle success and failure

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Paul – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”

Rom. 8:31

Paul – if God is for us, who can be against us?

32-35

Paul – what shall separate us from the love of Christ?

37-39

Paul – nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God