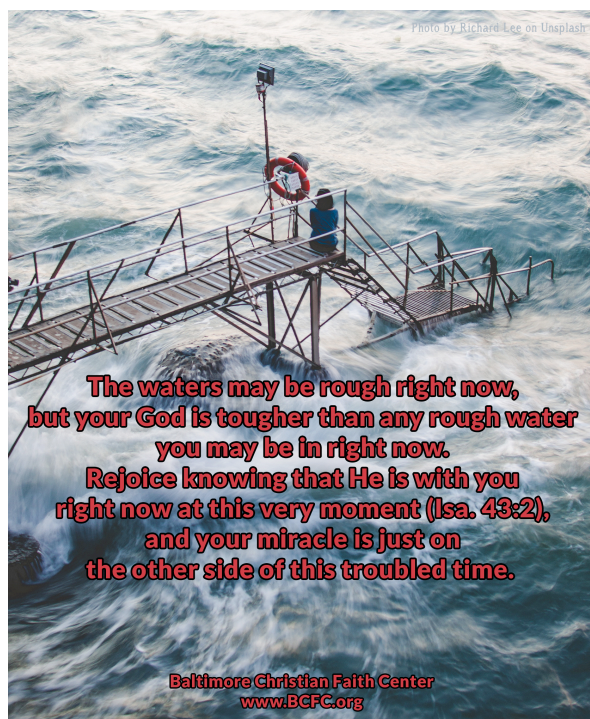


Finding Miracles in the Midst of Troubled Waters

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Recently I read a quote that caused me to stop and think deeply. It said "In the Marine Corp there is a saying, "Unhappiness doesn't come from the way things are, but rather from the difference in the way things are and the way we may believe they should be."" What a powerful statement! Perhaps our lives are not the way we believe it should be; this causes unhappiness. Maybe our marriages, our bodies, our finances, our jobs, our love lives, our families are not the way we believe it should be; that causes unhappiness. What do we do?

No worries, in God we've got the power-to change it! Sadly, we live in a world that loves the results of changes, but hates the process. Each one of us has something in life we'd love to see changed. In John 5:2-4 we read about a pool called Bethesda in Hebrew that had five porches. There laid a multitude of blind, halt, withered, impotent people who waited for the moving of the water. An angel came every year and troubled the water and whosoever stepped in first after the water was troubled, got healed of whatever disease he had. Could it be that often our miracle of change is in the midst of troubled waters? Why can't I just get my miracle? It takes faith to get into troubled waters, and the person that first steps into the pool has living faith.

We not supposed to be discouraged with troubled times. Jesus said we would have them, so be of good courage. (John 16:33) Instead of being frustrated, let's step into the whirlwind knowing that God is with us no matter what kind of trouble may be in our way; God is on our side.

Change is one of the storms we need to step into. Changes will bring turbulence, troubles and unrest we don't always want to identify with. What can we do then? Step into the troubled water with a positive attitude of faith. Every negative feeling, every form of depression, every fear, comes from a sense of powerlessness. When we feel powerless to change our situation, we get frustrated and discouraged. Remember then, that in the eyes of God we are more than conquerors. (Romans 8:37) The troubled times in our lives right now are God's way of producing in us perseverance and spiritual stamina! (Rom. 5:3-4)

The waters may be rough right now, but your God is tougher than any rough water you may be in right now. Rejoice knowing that He is with you right now at this very moment (Isa. 43:2), and your miracle is just on the other side of this troubled time.

Step in and believe for your miracle today!
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