

Giving You a Fresh Start After Divorce

What Will Your Divorce Crisis Show About You?

There are ebbs and flows in the whole divorce or abandonment process. Sometimes there is relief and then there are times the process can make you feel like you are going crazy. When there is a reprieve, it's nice. But then the intensity fuels up and life feels insane once again. My divorce started in early 2003. It was final in 2005 and then got dragged into an Appeal by my Ex which took until late 2006. We still ended up in Court after that for the next 6 years. It's a battle and not one that I wish on anyone. But it is a battle that **you can get through** and even come out stronger on the other side. How you ask? With the help, guidance, and love of the Holy Spirit! He is your Counselor.

Not only is He your Counselor, but He is also your Commander and Chief. He is the one you take direction from. The Holy Spirit is the one that gives you your marching orders. He is the one and only one that can get you through this battle. Sometimes we are in battles and think why? *"Why Lord is this happening to me? Why Lord don't you stop this? Why Lord are you allowing this to continue? Why Lord, I don't understand? I've served you all these years. I've loved you Lord to the best of my human ability. I've sacrificed for you. I've given up much for you. Why Lord why?"* Believe me I asked these questions many times.

We need to address the "why" question. I heard many teachings by Graham Cooke who is a wonderful prophetic teacher, and evangelist from Great Britain but now lives in California. He said we should never ask the Lord the "why" question. Our question or questions to the Lord should be *"What does this mean papa?"* and *"What would you have me to do?"* "Why?" should be stricken from our vocabulary with the Lord.

Could your battle be an opportunity for you to develop a deeper relationship with the Father. Or maybe there is something the Father wants you to fully trust Him in and your trial is the way to build that trust. And of course, in all circumstances and trials there is something we are to do but we need the Father's wisdom to know what that is. That's why those two questions are the ones we should be asking and not the "why" question.

I loved what Graham taught. Was it easy to apply in my life? At times yes and at times no. It truly was a process, but I try to ask those two questions to all my circumstances that come upon me and especially the ones I don't like that I'm in.

The battle that you may currently be in may not be a battle of your choosing nor one that you created by choices you have made. So, what do you do now? Turn to the Lord. He is stronger and more powerful than any issue or circumstance that stands in front of you right now. You can make it! Your Commander and Chief is in charge and has you in training.

Just as a Green Beret goes into training, he is constantly working not only on his physical strength but also his mental strength. Your worst enemy in any battle is not the opposition in front of you ... it is your own mind. Are you going to allow your mind or your thoughts to cause you to retreat which in turn will cause you to be defeated? Don't be in a state of refusal ... refusal to train. When a Green Beret doesn't make it and is discharged, it is not written up as failure in ability, but HIS REFUSAL TO TRAIN! The Lord is training you right now. Agree to this training. Trust in the TRAINER. He won't let you down.

Understand this:

"Crisis only reveals the choice that has already been made.

And when you fail in the crisis, what is revealed

is your choice already in place before the crisis arrived!

Green Beret Training – Surviving the Cut

Don't be one to give up or surrender unless you have clear direction from the Holy Spirit. Stay the course and allow your Counselor to guide your path, and most importantly, don't make Him tug you along.

Who is Your Best Teacher

As I stated above, there were so many times I kept asking the Father these questions. *"I don't understand, why is this happening to me?"* In fact, I have spent most of my life asking those questions. *"I don't understand why this is happening to me. I don't understand why he's treating me this way. I'm a good wife. I don't understand why I was abused. I don't understand why there is so much pain in my life,"* and the questions went on and on. Well do you believe that if you spend enough time with Jesus, that the Teacher He sent (the Holy Spirit) will make all things of no mystery to us? But you must spend time with Him, reading His Word and believing what He says. He will bring healing, hope, and victory to your heart and your soul.

God's ways are not our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. That's why we need to be taught not by man but by the most perfect Teacher, the Holy Spirit. His ways are different than our ways and His thoughts are different than our thoughts and He wants a relationship with us

so He can teach us His ways and His thoughts. Did you know where Saul/Paul was taught the Lord's ways when he had his conversion to Paul and became a disciple of Jesus?

He went to the desert to learn directly from the Lord (Galatians 1:15-18). Was it just a month or two? No, it was for 3 years. Can we ever imagine laying down everything in our lives for 3 years to learn from the Lord? Well, we have the Word, and we have the Holy Spirit. They are the best Teachers. The Word and the Spirit bring power. God's power will cut through your circumstances and bring victory, peace and provision.

As Preacher Gary Carpenter once said, *"The Church must graduate from a Gospel of Word to a Gospel of Power."* Unfortunately, the Church of this day is not operating in power. When was the last time you saw someone raised from the dead who died prematurely? Or when was the last time you saw a limb grow on someone's body or a miraculous healing? I have never experienced seeing this occur, but some countries have.

We seem to forget what Jesus said, *"And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My Name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages; they will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well."* Mark 16:17-18 *The Amplified Bible, AMP*

How can we see these miracles when the Church teaches that *"it might not be the Lord's will to heal someone."* Oh, I want to get up and scream when I hear that because that is not what the Word of God says.

So where does all this take you in your very difficult divorce or abandonment situation? It can bring you to freedom. Jesus hung on the cross and **took ALL your infirmities, sicknesses, problems, and issues so that you can be healed and MADE WHOLE** (1 Peter 2:24). BUT you need to believe He rose again and conquered death. He took our punishment for our sins. He took on every sickness and dis-ease. Jesus took on our infirmities and grief *"and by His stripes we ARE healed and made whole."* Isaiah 53:5. And lastly, Jesus took on the pain of your divorce and He desires that you walk in peace, love, joy and health.

Something that is very key and critical, though, is that you must be born again (John 3:2-4). If you are not born again, then you are only His creation and not His child or His Heir. We then can't get the fullness from our Father. We cannot discern between His voice, the voice of the enemy or the voice of our flesh. If we are not born again, then we will read the Bible like a textbook and not as if the Lord is in our midst revealing His truths to us. **Remember that intellect is no safeguard against deception. The Word of God is spiritually discerned. It is not mentally discerned.** If we spend enough time with the Teacher that Jesus sent (*the Holy Spirit*), then He will make the Word to be of no mystery to us. We will have the revelation that is needed to be worthy of our calling and aid us through the difficult times of our lives. So, my sister, would you like to be His daughter and not just His creation? If you have not given Him your life and your heart and have repented, then pray with me.

Father, in the Name of Jesus, I come to you with a humble heart and ask you to forgive me of all that I have done to sin against you. Even though there are things that don't even come to my mind, I know you will forgive me of them because I have asked, and Your Word says to repent and receive Your forgiveness. I receive it. Cleanse me, free me, and make me whole by coming into my heart and sending Your Holy Spirit to teach me all truths. I thank you for this new life I now receive from you and the ability to live and walk in Your Kingdom. I thank you and praise you in the Name of Your Precious Son Jesus.

Kisses from your King

"Yet even in the midst of all these things, we triumph over them all, for God has made us to be more than conquerors, and his demonstrated love is our glorious victory over everything."

Romans 8:37 The Passion Translation, TPT

"Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessings so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God. And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit]" 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 *The Amplified Bible, AMP*

If you have committed your life to the Lord, then He resides in you. You don't need to "ask for strength" because He is your strength and He wants you to be "more than a conqueror," but for that to happen, you need an experience to bring you there. This could be that experience.

Then think about what choices you have made as you entered this journey of "divorce or abandonment." Have you already decided you will be defeated? Have you already retreated and believe your life is doomed to destruction? Repent, ask for forgiveness and then ask the Lord to **rise up in you**, to be your **strength**, your **courage** and **the power within you** to come out of this situation **"more than a conqueror."**

Spend time in His Word and ask the Lord to help you with any unbelief. Repent of your unbelief and then receive His forgiveness. Walk in the truth that the Holy Spirit resides in you, and He wants to teach you all things. He wants to show you God's ways and God's thoughts and does not want them to be a mystery to you. Can you accept this truth? Write about what your heart is telling you right now? Take all your concerns to the Lord.

Accepting that I am a Woman Redeemed and more than a conqueror and that I am His beloved daughter and not just His creation!

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