



UNDERSTANDING CRISES



Theme Scripture: JOHN 16:33
“...These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of a good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Overview

In our previous study we established that “Staying High” means maintaining a state of continuous oneness with God. Understanding Crises is one of the ways through which we can consistently be in oneness with the Father.

Crises is anything that happens which you have no control over, it can happen at anytime. They are not random occurrences; but are unavoidable realities of life in a fallen world and are clearly acknowledged by Jesus Christ. They are not designed by the devil but are permitted by God as part of the process through which faith, character, and authority are developed. Scripture does not present them as evidence of spiritual failure. Jesus affirmed that tribulation is certain in the world, while peace is secured in Him. This distinction is foundational for every Gatekeeper.

The Purpose of Crises

Biblical history consistently shows that God uses crises to shape, refine, and position His servants. Abraham’s barrenness, Joseph’s imprisonment, David’s persecution, Mary’s sacrifice, Esther’s risk, Daniel’s trials, and Christ’s crucifixion all demonstrate that crises often precede divine elevation. If Jesus had not accepted and managed his crises well, he would not have become the saviour of the world.

For Gatekeepers, crises frequently intensify after accepting spiritual responsibility, this reflects spiritual opposition rather than divine abandonment. Scripture confirms that those who stand for God’s purposes will encounter resistance (2 Timothy 3:12).

Crises are not meant to destroy; they are intended to prepare and authorize. They expose dependence on God and deepen spiritual maturity.

The Temporary Nature of Crises

Crises operate within divinely appointed seasons, Ecclesiastes teaches that every event in life has a time and purpose. No crisis is eternal; all are subject to God’s authority and timing.

The manner in which a Gatekeeper responds determines the duration and outcome of a crisis. Scripture illustrates that improper responses can prolong seasons unnecessarily, while faith and obedience lead to transition and promotion.

What a Gatekeeper names a crisis influences how it is experienced. When Jesus was told that Lazarus was dead he referred to death as “sleep,” demonstrating the importance of spiritual perspective and prophetic language. Gatekeepers are called to speak in alignment with faith rather than fear.

Intimacy with God remains the most critical factor in navigating crises, God’s presence ensures clarity, endurance, and eventual victory, regardless of external circumstances.



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Principles for Gatekeepers Managing Crises

1. Define the crisis accurately — speak in faith and truth (Romans 4:17)
2. Recognize its temporary nature — crises come to pass, not to remain (2 Corinthians 4:17)
3. Prioritize spiritual alignment and your assignment over Crises — sustained intimacy preserves authority (Psalm 23:4)

Concluding Insight

For the Gatekeeper, crises are not interruptions—they are divine evaluations. They are permitted seasons designed to test discernment, refine spiritual stamina, and validate readiness for greater responsibility. Every pressure you withstand sharpens your authority; every battle you survive increases your spiritual jurisdiction.

Understanding this truth guards the Gatekeeper from weariness, offense, and retreat. When crises are rightly interpreted, they do not weaken resolve—they activate maturity, deepen spiritual sight, and anchor focus on divine assignment.

Therefore, stand watch without compromise, remain positioned, alert, and obedient. Don't let crises distract you from the greater course, but ensure you maintain oneness with God regardless of Crises as it is only temporal.

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Romans 8:37

