



Fulfillment Hour

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The Christ of the Crisis Series

Corona Virus-19 is the Crisis

The Godly View of Crisis

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1. **Definition of Crisis.** A crisis is an event over which we have no control. We can't control when it starts nor when it ends. Everyone is affected by a crisis, no one is exempt. We can't control the crisis, but we can control our thoughts about the crisis—believers must have Kingdom thoughts—[Isaiah 55:8](#); [Romans 12:2](#); [Matthew 6:25, 33](#); [Isaiah 55:7](#).
2. **The Effect of Crisis in Humans.** Persons who have not yet learned to fully depend on God respond differently from those who truly trust God—[2 Corinthians 5:7](#). Note some of the reactions people have who do not trust God (fear, trauma, depression, despair, frustration, anxiety, loneliness, abandonment, hopelessness, sense of loss, worry, sense of death, abuse, crime, and domestic violence). Those who have truly been transformed by the renewing of their minds respond according to the Word of God—[2 Timothy 1:7](#), [John 14:27](#), [Philippians 4:7](#), [Colossians 3:15](#).

3. **Facts About Crisis and the Believer**

- A. Crisis are seasonal—that means that they guarantee change. The believer then must join God in what He is doing—[Isaiah 43:18-19](#).

- B. Crisis are temporary—seasons must change—[Genesis 8:22](#), [Psalm 30:5](#). Therefore, the believer should have hope. We know that it will end based on the promises of God. Our faith should grow during the crisis.

- C. The believer must not quit during the crisis. The key is to outlast the crisis—[Hebrews 10:36](#).

- D. The believer should watch God work—[2 Chronicles 20:17a](#).

- E. The believer should see God's blessings in the season of crisis—[Genesis 50:20](#), [Romans 8:28](#).

- F. The believer should know that our faith is being tested—[James 1:2-4](#), [1 Corinthians 10:13](#).

4. **Understanding Crisis**. Crisis has always been the source of growth and development. Most of us never change until we have to. We don't change until we are pushed out of our comfort zone. Sometimes crisis is the only way we change our behavior.

Discussion: What ways have you changed as a result of COVID-19?

- A. Crisis exposes all the fakers—[Luke 6:46-48](#).
- B. Crisis forces development—[Psalm 119:71](#).
- C. Crisis creates opportunity for creativity.
- D. Crisis shakes the foundation of that which we thought was traditionally sound. It challenges tradition and causes us to be relevant.
- E. Crisis should be viewed as an opportunity. There are always opportunities in crisis.