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Faith & Trust

God's Help for Problems in Degrees

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

Some challenges feel small while others feel overwhelming—but Scripture shows that problems come in degrees, not impossibilities. When help from people fails, God remains the true source of help. He is not limited by the size of the need, and He can provide a way forward that calls for faith-filled obedience.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Jeremiah 32:27

Psalms 60:11

2 Kings 4:1-7

Joshua 6:26

Key Takeaways

- Problems are in degrees; do not treat every challenge as the same kind of battle.
- When human help is vain, God is the reliable source of help.
- Nothing is too hard for the Lord, regardless of the size of the problem.
- God may provide a practical pathway that requires obedience and participation.
- Some “solutions” carry consequences; take God’s warnings seriously.

Introduction

Life presents a wide range of problems—some are temporary inconveniences, while others threaten stability, peace, and hope. Scripture does not deny the reality of pressure, but it reshapes how problems are understood and faced. Challenges differ in degree, yet none are beyond God’s ability. This study explores how to seek God as the true helper, trust His unlimited power, follow His practical instructions, and avoid “solutions” that ignore His warnings.

Scripture Reading

- **Psalms 60:11** — A plea for God’s help that openly admits the limits of human strength and support; it centers dependence on God when people cannot provide what is needed.
- **Jeremiah 32:27** — God declares His identity and power, emphasizing that no situation is too difficult for Him; this becomes a foundation for faith when problems escalate.
- **2 Kings 4:1-7** — A widow faces a financial crisis and seeks help; God provides through prophetic instruction that requires active, obedient steps, leading to provision sufficient for the immediate need.
- **Joshua 6:26** — A solemn warning connected to Jericho’s fall; it highlights that attempting to undo or rebuild what God has judged can bring serious consequences, shaping wise decision-making in crisis.

Key Points

1. **Problems Come in Degrees** — Not every problem carries the same weight. Some challenges call for simple correction, while others require sustained prayer, counsel, and decisive steps. Wisdom begins by recognizing the degree of the problem rather than reacting to everything with the same intensity. Seeing problems in degrees helps guard the heart from two dangers: panic over smaller issues and casual treatment of severe ones. Both can lead to poor decisions—either rushing into fear or delaying needed action. Scripture anchors perspective. God's power is unlimited (Jeremiah 32:27), and human help has limits (Psalms 60:11). When a problem grows in degree, faith does not shrink; it redirects confidence toward God.
 - Describe the problem clearly: what is happening, what is at risk, and what is truly needed.
 - Ask for God's help early rather than waiting until the situation becomes desperate.
 - Separate emotional intensity from actual urgency; respond thoughtfully instead of impulsively.
 - Identify what help is realistic from people and where dependence must be placed on God.
 - Choose one faith-building response (prayer, Scripture reflection, wise counsel) before taking major action.

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:27 Psalms 60:11

2. **Reject Vain Help, Seek God** — Psalms 60:11 names a hard truth: human help can be "vain." This does not mean people never help, but it recognizes that people are limited—by knowledge, resources, timing, and strength. When reliance rests primarily on human support, disappointment can deepen fear. Scripture invites a different posture: seek God as the true helper. Turning to God is not a last resort; it is the most grounded starting point. Seeking God includes honest prayer, renewed trust, and willingness to follow His direction. It also frees relationships from unhealthy dependency, because ultimate hope is placed where it belongs—in God.
 - Pray honestly about the limits of human support and ask God to become your primary source of help.
 - Replace frantic searching for answers with deliberate dependence: pause, pray, and seek God's direction.
 - When advice conflicts, prioritize what aligns with Scripture's call to trust God rather than human strength.
 - Ask for help from others with humility, but refuse to treat people as your savior.
 - Write a short prayer of trust based on Psalms 60:11 and repeat it when anxiety rises.

Scripture: Psalms 60:11

Key Points (cont.)

3. Nothing Is Too Hard for the Lord — Jeremiah 32:27 presents God's direct statement of unlimited ability. The size of the problem does not measure the size of God's power. What overwhelms human capacity does not overwhelm Him. This truth builds faith that is stable under pressure. It does not deny difficulty; it denies hopelessness. God's power sets a ceiling on despair, because no problem qualifies as "impossible" for Him. Trusting God's power also reshapes expectations: help may come in ways that differ from human plans, yet still truly provide a way forward. Faith holds to who God is even when the path is not yet clear.

- Name the hardest part of the problem and bring it directly to God in prayer, without minimizing it.
- Memorize Jeremiah 32:27 and use it to confront thoughts of hopelessness.
- Replace "This can't change" with "Nothing is too hard for the Lord," then ask God for the next obedient step.
- Avoid measuring God's ability by past disappointments; measure circumstances by God's character.
- Thank God for His power before you see the outcome, as an act of trust.

Scripture: Jeremiah 32:27

4. Obedient Steps in God's Provision — In 2 Kings 4:1-7, the widow's need is urgent: debt threatens her household. She brings the crisis forward rather than hiding it, and she asks for help. God's provision begins with an honest inventory—she identifies what she has (a small jar of oil). The instruction she receives is practical and specific: gather empty vessels, pour, and keep pouring. The process requires participation, not panic. Obedience becomes the channel through which provision multiplies. The account also shows that God's help can be orderly and sufficient. The oil stops when there are no more vessels, and the provision meets the need: the debt is paid and there is support to live on. God's help addresses real pressure, often through guided steps that build faith along the way.

- Bring the situation into the light: ask for godly help rather than carrying the burden alone.
- Take inventory of what you already have—resources, time, skills—and offer it to God for His direction.
- Follow the next clear instruction faithfully, even if it seems small or repetitive.
- Create practical steps aligned with obedience (e.g., plan, diligence, accountability) rather than shortcuts.
- When progress comes, steward it wisely: address urgent obligations first, then plan for stability.

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:1-7

Key Points (cont.)

- 5. Heed Warnings While Seeking Solutions** — Joshua 6:26 records a serious warning: rebuilding what God has judged brings consequences. This highlights a crucial principle for crisis moments—urgency does not cancel obedience. When facing problems, it is tempting to pursue any option that promises quick relief. Scripture cautions that some “solutions” invite new trouble. A path that ignores God’s word may appear effective short-term but can carry long-term cost. Wise problem-solving includes reverence for God’s warnings. God’s help is not only about escaping difficulty; it is also about walking in a way that does not create deeper harm.
- Before choosing a solution, ask: does this option contradict God’s instruction or warning?
 - Refuse shortcuts that require disobedience, even under pressure.
 - If a plan feels urgent, slow down enough to pray and seek clarity rather than reacting in fear.
 - Consider consequences beyond immediate relief—how will this decision shape integrity and peace?
 - Choose obedience as protection: let God’s warnings steer you away from avoidable trouble.

Scripture: **Joshua 6:26**

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- In Psalms 60:11, what words describe the limitations of human help, and what is requested from God?
- In Jeremiah 32:27, how does God describe Himself, and what claim does He make about what is “too hard”?
- In 2 Kings 4:1-7, what steps does the widow take from the moment she speaks about her need to the moment provision is realized?
- What role do the empty vessels play in the account of the oil, and what happens when they run out?
- In Joshua 6:26, what is warned against, and what consequences are attached to ignoring that warning?

Interpretation

- How does recognizing “degrees” of problems change the way a person prays, plans, and seeks help?
- What does it mean in practice that “human help is vain” without becoming cynical or isolated?
- How does Jeremiah 32:27 address feelings of impossibility, and what kind of faith response does it invite?
- What does 2 Kings 4:1-7 suggest about the relationship between God’s power and human obedience?
- Why might a warning like Joshua 6:26 be especially important when people feel pressured to solve problems quickly?

Application

- What is one current challenge that feels “small” and one that feels “overwhelming”? How should your approach differ while still depending on God?
- Where have you been tempted to treat people as your primary hope? What would it look like to seek God first in that area?
- Which part of your situation feels “too hard”? How can Jeremiah 32:27 reshape your words, prayers, and expectations this week?
- What “empty vessels” could represent your practical participation—time, planning, asking for help, diligent work—and what is one step you will take?
- Are there any options you are considering that may ignore God’s warnings? What obedient alternative can you choose instead?

Prayer Focus

- Lord, turn my dependence from limited human help to Your faithful help.
- Strengthen my faith to believe that nothing is too hard for You.
- Show me the next obedient step, and give me grace to follow it.
- Guard me from shortcuts that ignore Your warnings and compromise integrity.

Next Step

Choose one current challenge and pray through the primary passages, then write and act on one clear step of obedience that aligns with God’s Word.

Conclusion

Problems vary in degree, but God's help does not vary in power. Scripture directs faith away from panic and away from relying on limited human strength, toward the God for whom nothing is too hard. His provision may come through clear, practical steps that require obedience, and His warnings protect from harmful shortcuts. The way forward is to seek God as the true helper, trust His ability, obey His instruction, and choose solutions that honor His word.

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