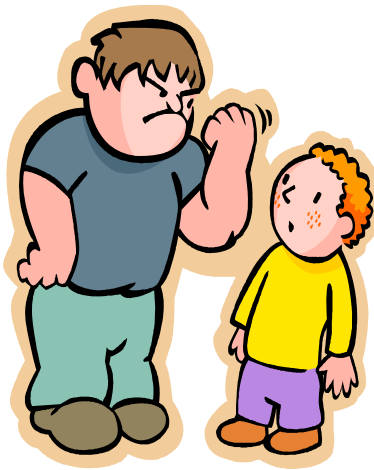


How Can we Handle BULLYING?

Part 2



Why Does
God Allow
The Bullies
to
Bully Us?

OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.***

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. ***For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.*** (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! ***But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*** (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Here are some extremely important

PROMISES

which the Lord has given to ALL His children!

(If YOU have accepted Jesus as your God, your Savior, then these PROMISES FROM GOD are for YOU too!



First though, remember that God has had ALL His promises to us written down for us to read. At this time in history, all God's PROMISES are now completely saved for us to read right there in our King James Bible. So GET BUSY READING YOUR BIBLE so that you will KNOW what God has promised YOU!

"There hath no temptation (test, problem, trouble, challenge) taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer (allow, permit) you to be tempted (tested, troubled, challenged) above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear (handle it, stand up through it without falling apart with fear & worry, survive through) *it*."

1Corinthians 10:13 KJB

This PROMISE from God to His children tells us that God DOES allow us to have tests & problems & troubles & challenges! But this PROMISE from God to His children also tells us that when God DOES allow such things to happen to us, He is FAITHFUL that the test, problem trouble, challenge will NOT be too hard for us to handle IF we handle it

HIS WAY which is the ONLY right & best way!!!
And the ONLY way for us to know GOD'S WAY of
handling problems is to



READ
our
KING JAMES BIBLE!

Also, it is important that we know that the test, problem, trouble or challenge will only last as long as GOD says it is necessary for it to last! Are you asking: "Necessary for **WHAT?**" This next PROMISE from God to ALL His children will tell us **for what:**

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28 KJB

This PROMISE tells us that EVERYTHING that God allows in our lives is for a GOOD PURPOSE! And EVERYTHING that God allows in our lives will work together for GOOD to those who LOVE GOD!

There are TWO important facts to understand about Gods PROMISE in Romans 8:28. The first is that the GOOD that will come from the tests & problems & troubles & challenges which God allows is what GOD THINKS IS GOOD for HIS PURPOSE! It is NOT for WHAT WE MAY THINK IS GOOD! And what is that GOOD PURPOSE God has for us during our life as His children on this earth? Well, this next PROMISE tells us what God's GOOD

PURPOSE is:

"For whom he did foreknow (all His children) he also did predestinate (decided & said it would be so from before time began) to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29 KJB

What is God's GOOD PURPOSE which He planned for all His children before time began? God's GOOD PURPOSE is to make ALL His children LIKE HIS SON JESUS! His GOOD PURPOSE is to use ALL THINGS in our lives - our mistakes, our troubles, our problems, our challenges & our obedience to make us MORE & MORE like Jesus in what we think, say & do while we are down here on earth.

Now God says that someday up in heaven ALL God's children will be like Jesus:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

1John3:2 KJB

This promise tells us that when we get to heaven



our
MEAN OLD SIN NATURE
will be
COMPLETELY GONE FOREVER!
Thank God for that! But while we
still on earth & we still have our OLD

SINFUL NATURE. And because of that OLD SIN NATURE, NOT all us who are God's children will learn to THINK, SPEAK, ACT like Jesus. That is why God works CONSTANTLY in our lives through ALL THINGS to help us be more like Jesus while we are here on earth.

Now here is where the 2nd IMPORTANT fact of Romans 8:28 comes in! The second fact that we must remember when God allows tests, problems, troubles or challenges in our lives, is that the GOOD which is worked out BY GOD is worked out ON EARTH in the lives of those who LOVE GOD while they are ON EARTH! (Remember, we already know that ALL God's children will be like Jesus in heaven; but on earth because of our sin nature, NOT all God's children will participate with God in His GOOD PURPOSE to make them like Jesus!) But God says He WILL do that for those who LOVE HIM! Well, don't ALL God's children

LOVE HIM?

Hmmm! Maybe they SAY that they do! But whom does GOD say are His children who LOVE HIM?

Here is what JESUS, who IS GOD, says:

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:..."

John 14:21a KJB

God says that His children who LEARN His Word & TREASURE it in their hearts & BELIEVE Him &

truly WANT to obey Him, those are the ones who
LOVE HIM!

Here is another PROMISE from God to His people
who LOVE HIM!

"Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I *will* answer him: I *will be* with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him."

Psalm 91:14-15 KJB

These PROMISES from God to His children are very important for us to remember ESPECIALLY **WHEN** God sends tests, problems, troubles or challenges & ESPECIALLY when this test, problem, trouble or challenge is a



BULLY
who is trying to
BULLY US!

We must REMEMBER that God sent this TEST to us! It is something like a POP QUIZ we get in school! The teacher gives us a whole lot of READING & STUDYING to do, & then, one day he or she gives us a SURPRISE TEST! That test not only shows the teacher if we indeed HAVE been READING & STUDYING; but it also show US how important it is to READ & STUDY! But God DOES NOT send us this POP

QUIZ because HE needs to find out if we have been READING & STUDYING & BELIEVING His Word. He ALREADY KNOWS whether we have or not. He sends the TEST to show US how well we know all His PROMISES! These TESTS also give God the opportunity to show us that HE IS REAL & that HE KEEPS EVERYONE OF HIS PROMISES & that we can BELIEVE HIM & TRUST HIM for EVERYTHING!

We will have LOTS MORE to learn over the next few weeks about how God would have us respond when BULLIES try to BULLY us. Sometimes we should ignore them. Sometimes we must defend ourselves. But for now, remember that the FIRST THING that God wants you to do when you start to feel afraid & HELPLESS & weak in any situation is to THINK RIGHT! 2Tim 1:7

Do what King David did when BULLIES tried to keep him in FEAR! David tells us in one of his prayers to God. Read what David said to God:



"Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

Mine enemies would daily swallow *me* up: for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou most High.

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.
In God I will praise his word, in God I have
put my trust; I will not fear what flesh (people)
can do unto me."

Psalm 56:1-4

Instead of concentrating on that BULLY, ask God to help you

REMEMBER all His PROMISES - especially the ones we mentioned at the start of this lesson. Also, REMEMBER that God has ALLOWED this situation in your life. REMEMBER that God has a RIGHT & GOOD PURPOSE for allowing it. REMEMBER that God is GREATER than that Bully. REMEMBER that if you do what God says to do in this situation,



God will give you all the courage & strength & directions you need to **HANDLE the BULLYING** the way HE wants you too!

Now complete the BIBLE CHALLENGE to find out more REASONS why God sometimes allows BULLIES TO BULLY us! Match the reason with the scripture.

BIBLE CHALLENGE

1. To show us His Love
2. To show us He is Real
3. To teach us to walk by faith & not fear.
4. To prepare us to be able to help others who may face a bully too someday.
5. To teach us to obey Him & trust Him more.
6. To help us learn that He is REAL, ALWAYS RIGHT & ALL - POWERFUL so that we will be able to tell others what He did for us!

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- A. James 1:2-6, 2Cor 5:7, 2Timothy 1:7
B. Psalm 119:67-68 C. Hebrews 12:6
D. John 14:21; Job 42:15 E. 2 Corinthians 1:5-11
F. Psalm 40:1-10, Psalm 119:75

These are only a FEW reasons, but they are all part

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10:00 A.M.

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Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

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First Sunday of Every Month

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From I-95

- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.



From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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