The question is not **“Why”** but **“What”**

Acts 9:6

1 Cаул, еще дыша угрозами и убийством на учеников Господа, пошел к первосвященнику,

2 И просил у него письма в Дамаск к синагогам, чтобы, если найдет кого из этого пути, мужчины ли они, или женщины, приводить их связанными в Иерусалим.

3 И когда шел, приблизился к Дамаску: и внезапно засиял вокруг него свет с неба:

4 И он упал на землю, и услышал голос, говорящий ему, Саул, Саул, почему ты гонишь меня?

5 И он сказал, Кто ты, Господь? И Господь сказал, Я Иисус, которого ты гонишь: трудно тебе идти против рожна.

6 И он, дрожащий и изумленный, сказал, **Господь, что повелишь мне делать?** И Господь *сказал* ему, Встань, и иди в город, и сказано будет тебе, что ты должен делать.

1. Paul’s life drastically changed.

2. Everything changed.

3. He had head-on collision (лобовое столкновение) with the Lord.

That question is so much better than the question,

Rom 9:20  Нет, но кто ты, О человек, что споришь с Богом? Изделие скажет ли тому, кто сделал *его*, **Зачем** ты меня сделал так?

1. People get stuck wherever they run into trouble with God when they ask the question “why.”

“Why did I lose my job?” “Why did you take him?”

2. It’s a question, as we discussed in the broadcast titled, “God, Why,” that just doesn’t lead to much more than bitterness toward God.

i. There’s never a satisfactory answer.

3. The question is what not why.

4. With the question, “What,” you can get somewhere with the Lord.

i. You can move forward, as some say.

ii. You come to the Lord right where you are.

iii. You are looking for what to do now that you are in the case that you are in whether your situation is good or bad.

When you ask the question what:

**I. YOU ARE LOOKING FOR GOD’S WILL**

Acts 27:25

22 А сейчас увещеваю вас обод­риться: ибо не будет потери *ни* *од­ной* *человеческой* жизни среди вас, кроме корабля.

23 Ибо стал возле меня этой ночью ангел Бога, которому я принадлежу, и которому служу,

24 Говоря, Не бойся, Павел; тебе должно быть приведенным пред цезаря: и, вот, Бог дал тебе всех тех, кто плывет с тобой.

25 **Посему, господа, ободритесь: ибо я верю Богу, что будет именно так, как мне сказано.**

1. Paul wasn’t wringing his hands asking why he was about to be shipwrecked;

i. he was asking what he should do – and the Lord showed him in (v.24).

ii. The whole boat load of prisoners was saved

iii. When you ask “what” you are not stuck on what could have been;

iv. You are moving forward on what can be.

v. You make the best of what, at the time, is a bad situation.

When you ask the question what –

**II. YOU ARE RECOVERING FROM THE SHOCK**

(Acts 16:25)

1. Paul and Silas were called to go far from their homes. Leave friends, etc.

i. They were beat up, and thrown in jail.

2. Paul and Silas weren’t sitting around crying about their unjust wounds and they weren’t fussing at God for leading them into a trap.

3. They looked at what they should do and they did it.

4. They did what they always did at this time of night; they prayed and sang praises unto God.

5. With the question **“why”** you are reliving the shock.

“Why Paul did you get that vision?” “You brought us here for this?”

6. With the question **“what”** you are moving past the shock.

When you ask the question what –

**III. YOU ARE FORESTALLING DEPRESSION**

(2 Cor 4:7-9)

7 Но сокровище это мы имеем в земных сосудах, чтобы превосходство силы было от Бога, а не от нас.

8 *Мы* со всех сторон притесняемы, но не стеснены; *мы* в недоумении, но не в отчаянии;

9 Гонимы, но не оставлены; низвергаемы, но не уничтожены;

10 Всегда нося в теле умирание Господа Иисуса, чтобы и жизнь Иисуса сделалась явной в теле нашем.

1. Paul could have become so despondent with his life.

i. everywhere he went, he met up with trouble.

2. You don’t read about him complaining.

3. When you go through trouble, you may be hurt or you may be grieving.

4. But when you ask **“what”** you are determining not to stay there in the grief печаль and despondency. отчаяние

When you ask the question what –

**IV. YOU ARE DEPENDING UPON GOD’S GRACE**

(2 Cor 12:9-10)

1. Paul learned that he could not work in his own strength, even though Paul was a tough man.

i. he had his limits and God made sure to take him to his limits so that Paul would know that it was by the grace of God that he was able to minister the way he did.

ii. God’s grace can only strengthen you when you acknowledge your weakness and his strength

iii. And trouble is a great way for you and me to turn from our own strength and rely upon God’s.

When you ask the question what –

**V. YOU ARE LIVING WITH PURPOSE**

2 Cor 4:14, 15

1. You are determined to live for God.

1. Paul never took his eyes off of his **course** and his purpose for living.

ILL. Joni Erickson Tada broke her neck was paralyzed from her neck down.

She is still greatly used for God.

2. When you go through trouble and come out on the other side, you aren’t just an existing victim of circumstance or a walking pity party. жалость

3. You have something to do for the Lord, a way to serve him and others.

i. coming out of the trouble helps you to *sharpen your focus and turn your attention to others*

4. And to the glory of God

5. Through this you often find your ministry of consolation.

**Psa. 119:67 Пока я не страдал, я заблуждался: но ныне слово твое соблюдаю.**

When you ask the question what –

**VI. YOU ARE ENCOURAGING OTHERS**

Phil 1:14

13 Так что мои узы во Христе явны во всем дворце, и во всех других *местах;*

14 И многие из братьев в Господе, исполнившись уверенности узами моими, гораздо более смелы говорить слово без страха.

15 Некоторые действительно проповедуют Христа даже из зависти и соперничества; а некоторые также из доброй воли:

16 Один проповедует Христа из­за соперничества, не искренне, полагая добавить скорбь к узам моим:

17 Но другой из любви, зная, что я поставлен на защиту евангелия.

18 Что тогда? все­таки, во всех отношениях, в притворстве ли, или в истине, Христос проповедуется; и я в этом радуюсь, да и буду радоваться.

1. When Paul went through trouble, **others became bolder to preach the gospel as a result.**

2. When others see you bounce back from a fall or from getting knocked down, they rally around you.

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i. It’s not so much as how many times you’ve failed as it is how many times you get back up and try again.

3. They aren’t there to keep you going, necessarily, although some may be there for that reason many are there to “get some of what you’ve got.”

4. They want some of that to rub off on them! передаваться, переходить к (кому-л.)

Conclusion:

Next time you face trouble ask the question **“what”** and you will begin to see God moving in your life in three ways –

В следующий раз ты сталкиваешся c проблемой, то задай вопрос **"что"**, и ты начнешь видеть, как Бог движется в твоей жизни в трех направлениях -

1. That will verify (подтверждать) (Rom 8:28)

2. Magnify God’s glory Это будет прославлять Бога. (2 Cor 4:15)

3. And satisfy (удовлетворять) your soul (2 Cor 11:30-31)

Invitation

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Unsaved