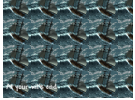
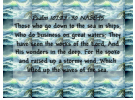


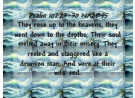
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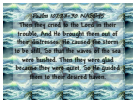
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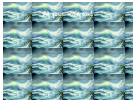
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#5



At your wit's end

Psalm 107:23-30 NASB95 Those who go down to the sea in ships, Who do business on great waters; They have seen the works of the Lord, And His wonders in the deep. For He spoke and raised up a stormy wind, Which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They rose up to the heavens, they went down to the depths; Their soul melted away in their misery. They reeled and staggered like a drunken man, And were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, And He brought them out of their distresses. He caused the storm to be still, So that the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they were quiet, So He guided them to their desired haven.

Do you know what it is like to be at your wit's end?

You are at your wit's end when you don't know what to do next.

You have exhausted every means at hand and you don't know what to do next

This text illustrates this condition perfectly.

They are caught in a storm.

Everything that could go wrong happened.

There are many kinds of storms in life.

You may be in one right now.

There are storms of every description and intensity.

Some storms affect only you.

Other storms affect everyone.

There are three things to take note of when you are at your wits end.

First, the situation.
Second, the remedy
Third, deliverance

#6



First, look at the situation.

In Acts 27:23-27, everyone in the boat with Paul had reached their wits end.

Paul was on his way to Rome for Caesar's judgment.

They boarded a ship that was headed to ports along the coast of Asia headed to Italy.

The next day they landed at Sidon and then headed to Cyprus.

It was at that time the winds were against them.

They made slow progress for several days and when they could not stay on course they made for Crete.

They had so much difficulty they came to a place called Fair Havens.

Much time had been lost and sailing had become dangerous.

Paul warned them that their voyage was going to be disastrous.

But, no one listened to Paul.

Instead, they followed the advice of the pilot and owner of the ship, since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in.

They hoped to reach Phoenix and winter there.

As they left weighed anchor and sailed a gentle south wind began to blow.

Before long, a wind of hurricane force swept down on them.

It was impossible to head into the wind, so they gave way and were driven along by the wind.

They were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure.

Then they passed ropes under the ship to hold it together.

Fearing that they would be run aground, they lowered the anchor.

After taking a violent battering from the storm, they started throwing the cargo and tackle overboard.

They saw neither sun nor stars for many days and the storm continued raging.

They finally gave up all hope of being saved.

On the fourteenth night of being driven by the storm they sensed they were nearing land.

Fearing they would be dashed against the rocks, they let down four anchors and prayed for daylight.

When it was day they discovered a creek with a shore, and they committed themselves to run the ship into the shore.

After they hoisted up the mainsail, they fell into a place where two seas met and ran the ship into a sand bar.

The front part of the ship stuck fast, and the back part was broken with the violence of the waves.

That is what it is like being at your wits end.

Even when they saw the island there was no hope.

They were swallowed with despair.

All human help failed.

Are you there?

In your marriage

In your health

In your finances

In your spiritual life

#7



Second, There is a Remedy

Psalm 107:28 NASB95 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, And He brought them out of their distresses.

Pay attention to the word "then".

This usually happens when people come to their wits end.

Even people who usually do not pray, cry out to God when they are in distress.

There is nowhere else to turn but to God.

#8



Moses was there with 1,000's of disgruntled Israelites.

They were in the wilderness.

They had no water left.

The babies were crying.

The children were crying.

The cattle were bawling.

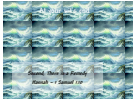
Everyone was unhappy...

Everyone was coming to Moses and asking: "Moses, what are you going to do?"

Exodus 17:3-6 NASB95 But the people thirsted there for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

God has the answer for no water in the wilderness.

#9



Hannah was a frustrated homemaker with a domestic situation that was beyond her control.

Elkanah was her husband.

That was not the problem for he loved her dearly.

The problem was Elkanah had TWO wives.

His second wife Peninnah had sons and daughters, but Hannah could not have children.

Elkanah loved Hannah and always gave her a worthy portion.

1 Samuel 1:10 NASB95 She, greatly distressed, prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly.

Another translation says she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept...

Hannah asked the Lord.

Have you taken your situation to the Lord?

#10



Elisha had a real sensitive situation with the Sunammite woman whose son died.

God had given the Shunammite woman a son, in answer to her prayers.

Now her son died from a heat stroke.

When the boy had been put on his bed, the woman went for the Man of God.

In 2 Kings 4, she found Elisha on Mount Carmel.

2 Kings 4:27 NASB95 When she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to push her away; but the man of God said, "Let her alone, for her soul is troubled within her; and the Lord has

hidden it from me and has not told me.”

2 Kings 4:28-30 NASB95 Then she said, “Did I ask for a son from my lord? Did I not say, ‘Do not deceive me’?” Then he said to Gehazi, “Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand, and go your way; if you meet any man, do not salute him, and if anyone salutes you, do not answer him; and lay my staff on the lad’s face.”

The mother of the lad said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” And he arose and followed her.

2 Kings 4:31-35 NASB95 Then Gehazi passed on before them and laid the staff on the lad’s face, but there was no sound or response. So he returned to meet him and told him, “The lad has not awakened.” When Elisha came into the house, behold the lad was dead and laid on his bed.

So he entered and shut the door behind them both and prayed to the Lord. And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth and his eyes on his eyes and his hands on his hands, and he stretched himself on him; and the flesh of the child became warm.

Then he returned and walked in the house once back and forth, and went up and stretched himself on him; and the lad sneezed seven times and the lad opened his eyes.

***She would not leave the man of God
until she got her answer.***

God has the answer for your situation.

#11



***King Hezekiah was at his wit's end in 2 Kings 18
Sennacherib king of Assyria came to the gates of
Jerusalem with a large army.***

Sennacherib told the people of Israel.

You say you are depending on Egypt.

Egypt cannot help you.

You say you are depending on the Lord your God.

Hezekiah removed His high places and altars, and told Judah and Jerusalem, "You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem"?

Come make a treaty with me.

He threatened all of the people in their own language.

(You need to know that the enemy of your soul knows how to speak your language.)

He said: "Don't listen to Hezekiah who will try to persuade you to trust in the Lord your God."

Do not listen to Hezekiah, for he is misleading you when he says, 'The Lord will deliver us.'

Has the god of any nation ever delivered his land from the king of Assyria?

How then can the Lord deliver Jerusalem from my hand?

When King Hezekiah heard this he tore his clothes, and put on sackcloth and went to the temple of the Lord.

He sent Eliakim to the Prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.

When Isaiah heard these words he said: Thus says the Lord, Be not afraid, the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

When Sennacherib received a report that Egypt's king was marching out to fight with him, he sent a letter to Hezekiah and told him: "Do not let the god you depend on deceive you..."

When Hezekiah received the letter he went to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord.

2 Kings 19:14-19 records his prayer.

You need to spread your troubles out before the Lord.

I know what the enemy has said.

You cannot believe what he is telling you.

Satan has been a liar since the beginning.

You can trust in the Word of the Lord your God.

#12



Psalm 50:15 NASB95 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you, and you will honor Me.”

Psalm 107:28 NASB95 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, And He brought them out of their distresses.

You need to pay attention to the conjunction AND.

It connects the first part of the sentence to the second.

When they cried unto the Lord... THEN ... He delivers them from their distresses.

You need a connection to God.

How will God deliver you?

He knows how to calm your troubled sea.

He can speak peace in your kitchen, office, soul, body, and situation.

#13



Isaiah 26:3 NKJV You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Do you need that great calm?

Satan will try to keep things stirred up.

God is coming to give you quietness and gladness.

There is more to this than being quiet and be happy.

It is no good taking pain medicine for a broken arm unless you mend what is broken.

First, set the break.

Everything must be made right, and then get quietness and gladness.

Paul and his company had gladness because God gave them security.

He brought them to safety.

This is the opposite of Your Wit's End.

There is deliverance.

There is help.

#14



Psalm 37:5 NKJV Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

There may be human limitations, but, there is no limit with God.

Peter was in Prison.

Herod wanted to kill him that night.

But, the Church prayed to God without ceasing.

#15



God sent his mighty angels to deliver Peter from prison.

In Acts 12:17 Peter told the church how the Lord had brought him out of prison.

God still knows how to get you out.

He can deliver you.