

In Due Time – It’s Not All Good

“How’s it going?”

Part of me wants to reflexively say, “It’s all good.”

I love optimism.

H_____, Scripture, tradition, experience
& reason all strongly testify otherwise.

God knows each of our situations. And God C_____.

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1 Peter 5:8

“In Due Time” Series Review

- 1) Clothe yourselves in humility.
- 2) It is ours to be faithful. God brings fruit in due time
- 3) Like Mary & Martha, cast all you’re A_____ on Him, because He cares for you.

Today: It’s all good. Not.

I love optimism. However...

Jesus did not pretend everything in the world was good.

Be H_____ with God in prayer about what does not seem good. Trust God for all that’s not good.

Not in a V_____

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Who is your real enemy?

We don’t like to admit we have enemies. We live in denial of our enemy at our own P_____.

Acknowledge to God that you have an enemy, and be aware of your enemy’s tactics. He who is with you is greater than he who is in the world.

What are your enemy’s designs for you?

(*Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis)

Not nibble, but D_____.

It’s not N_____

... *Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.*

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

Genesis 4:2-7

What is your enemy called here? S_____

Why is it crouching?

To P_____.

To hide until it thinks the time is right.

Jesus knows what it’s like

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left Him until an opportune time. Luke 4:13

Jesus knows what it is to have the devil prowling.

Jesus knows what it is to have sin crouching at the door.

Resisting temptation and having a victory is not

“O_____ and D_____.”

“...until an opportune time.” = “in due time”

The Good News

It’s all good... in the E_____ (“for those who...”)

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Meanwhile, it’s not all good. But God is F_____.

Become aware and skilled of using what God has given you to endure (“to stand up under it”).

Next Steps

- 1) Be honest with God in prayer about what does not seem good to you.
- 2) Acknowledge to God that you have an enemy. And that God is greater.
- 3) Become skilled at using God’s provision so you can stand up under it.

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