

SINGLE ALLIANCE

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You Have No Problems!

I. Intro

A. Tell your neighbors "You don't have any problems" Tell them "You only have distractions" Some of you need to reclassify your hurricanes to tropical storms. De-magnify your problems!

B. In school we all had math problems. We were given many problems. When we found the answer then we ceased having a problem.

C. God wants you to know that you have been given The Answer to every problem that you face today if you are saved. You might say, "If I do, then I don't know it!"

D. You already have been given The Answer- His name is Jesus.

1. John 8:58- Jesus said I AM. I am what?? Whatever you need or I AM YOUR ANSWER! What is the answer to my financial problem? Jesus says I AM. What is the answer to my physical problem. Jesus says I AM! What is the answer to my relationship problem? Jesus says I AM! What is the answer to my work problem? Jesus says I AM! What is the answer to my emotional problem? Jesus says I AM! What is the answer to my sin problem? Jesus I AM!

E. You might be saying- I can't believe you are minimizing my problems! I can't believe you are minimizing The Answer God has given to you!

F. There are mature and stable believers and others who are not. Both have problems. The difference between the two is that those who are immature and unstable are always seeking answers to their problems and those who are mature and stable know, seek, and rest in The Answer to their problems.

G. Mature Christians see problems as mere distractions to their Answer.

II. Attraction of Distraction

A. Problems are much like the Las Vegas strip. It is filled with flashing lights and attractive distractions. It is so easy to be side tracked in Las Vegas. It is called the attraction of distraction.

B. Problems are much like those flashing lights that demand your attention. You focus on your problems and try to fix them. You try to find the answers on what to do about them. Mature Christians go to their Answer to find out what to do about their problems. It is our choice which way you handle your problems. The second one is the better way.

E. How many of you had a bad knot that you just could not untangle. Many of you took it to your father to untangle and he did with skill. Many of you face knots you cannot figure out and it is getting worse the more you struggle with it. It is time to take it to the Father and to Jesus.

F. Have you really turned to your Answer about what to do about your problems today or are you turned and tuned to your problems? We can be so focused on our problems that we totally miss the Answer. We are not to stick our head in the sand and ignore problems, we are to stick our head up and look to God as our Answer to our problems.

G. Matt. 14:27-30- Peter was distracted by his problems the waves and wind and got his eyes off his Answer. He turned to his Answer and was helped. Even though he was walking towards his answer the winds and waves kept rolling. It takes patience and consistency.

H. James 1:5-6- We start wavering when we get our eyes on the wind and waves (our problems) and off the Lord. Stick with the wisdom he has given even if the wind is still blowing hard and the waves are rolling.

I. When you really believe you have an answer to your problems you will rest and be at peace. You will have joy.

J. We can have rest, peace, and joy even though we do not know what to do or what to say. We know we have The Answer. Jesus slept through the storm in the bow of the boat because He knew His answer. (Mark 4:38)

K. We must trust Him to give us that wisdom that we need. We rest in faith. If you are flipping out then you are a victim of the attraction of distraction.

II. Where is your focus?

A. Colossians 3:1-2- Focus on circumstances or your Answer?

B. Hebrews 12:1-3- Focus on people or your Answer?

C. Luke 7:20- John the Baptist knew at one point that Jesus was his Answer. However, he got his eyes off of Jesus and onto his problems. He started doubting and started looking for another answer. Have you started looking for another answer because Jesus has not changed your situation yet? Don't give up on your Answer. Draw closer. Listen more. Rest and wait. You will not be disappointed! Some are about to go with another answer- one offered to you by the devil or the one you made up for yourself.

D. When you have The Answer you have peace no matter the circumstances. If you are acting out of agitation or impatience than you are about to make a mistake and make a bigger problem.

E. John 11:21-25- Jesus is your Answer now! Jesus can only be your Answer if you place faith in him and faith is always now! You must confess Him as your answer and leave your case with Him. When He leads you to do something then do it in faith. If not, stand still and see the salvation of your God.

F. Friends you don't have any problems, All you need is FAAIIIIITTHHH in God!

G. Bottom line this morning. Will you spend more time with your Answer than you will spend with your problems?

G. Pray