

we tend to focus on what's temporary instead of what's eternal, forgetting that the ultimate purpose of life is to glorify God.

No matter your circumstances, what would it look like for you to “change the question” bouncing around your brain? Instead of asking, “How am I going to make it?” or “When is this going to be over?” or the ever-popular, “Why is this happening to me?”—what if you changed the question to, “How can I glorify God in this situation?”

I'm not trying to minimize your pain. I would feel the same way if I had walked in your shoes. But at the end of the day, we only get one shot at this thing called life. As my mom often said, “This life is not a dress rehearsal.”

Life is fleeting, and we must make the most of every opportunity to glorify our heavenly Father—especially during the stressful seasons. For the Christian, glorifying God is a 24/7/365 responsibility, not only in times of pleasure but also in times of pain. We are not excused from honoring God because life is hard. In fact, we can bring God more glory in our pain than when life is easy. How? Adversity gives us the opportunity to demonstrate genuine faith and show that we treasure God above all else.

Days before His death, Jesus was deeply troubled. Can't you imagine that He had questions, too? His impending torture and death were almost too much to bear. But instead of running from the cross—rather than looking for a way out—Jesus submitted to His Father's will and sought to glorify His name (John 12:27–28). As Robert Morgan observes, “At the onset of the most excruciating week of His life, Jesus asked not, ‘How can I get out of this?’ but ‘How can God's name be glorified?’”

Right now, you may not be able to change your circumstances, but you can change your question. How can you glorify God in your situation?

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## Glorifying God (Change the Question)

I talk to myself. Don't you? It's okay. It doesn't mean we're crazy (at least, I hope not). Everyone talks to themselves. Sometimes we talk out loud; other times, we conduct internal conversations that no one hears but us and the Lord. Here's what I've noticed: my internal conversations don't just contain statements—they're also filled with questions like, “Why did you just say that?” “How are we going to afford this?” or “What's for dinner tonight?” Questions are a natural part of my inner dialogue. I imagine they are for you as well.

Recently, I read an insightful comment in *The Red Sea Rules* by Robert Morgan. Morgan writes: “The next time you're overwhelmed, instead of asking, ‘How can I get out of this mess?’ try asking, ‘How can God be glorified in this situation?’ One's perspective is entirely changed by the spiritual realities behind that approach. It's like switching on floodlights in a dark stadium.”

When I read those words, my heart was flooded with light. I was in a stressful situation and had lost sight of my bigger purpose. Isn't it strange how problems make us forget what's most important? When facing a trial,

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