

Trials to Triumphs – Vince D'Acchioli

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He did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience. Judges 3:2

Do I really believe?

Why, God?

[God's word to Vince #1] Is there anything you might be thankful for?

**Only God can turn -
A Mess into a Message
A Test into a Testimony
A Trial into a Triumph
A Victim into a Victor**

In the midst of your trial -

1. Are you and **expecting**?
2. Do you have a **thankful heart**?

[LIFE IMPLICATION] Not believing God in the midst of my struggle will cause me to question Him and seek answers on my own.

[God's word to Vince #2]

Are you sure you are letting go?

[God's word to Vince #3]

You are not God. I am God.

Broken Dreams

*As children bring their broken toys with tears for us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams to God because He was my friend
But then instead of leaving Him in peace to work alone
I hung around and tried to help with ways that were my own...
At last I snatched them back and cried, "How can You be so slow?"
"My child," He said, "What could I do? You never did let go."*

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Man makes himself God through pride. God makes Himself man through humility. Jacques-Benigne Bossuet

Humility is not an abject, grovelling, self-despising spirit; it is but a right estimate of ourselves as God sees us. Tyron Edwards

Am I empty enough for God to fill the void?

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. John 14:27

In the midst of your trial -

1. Are you
2. Have you come to the **end of yourself**?

[LIFE IMPLICATION] I will not find peace unless I am able to let go and understand the importance of humility before God.

[God's word to Vince #4] Please do not miss the lesson I am trying to teach you.

Thou has enlarged me when I was in distress. Psalm 4:1 (KJV)

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds. James 1:2

[God's word to Vince #5] When you quit looking for me in the sensational, you'll find me in the simple.

In the midst of your trial -

1. Have you asked God to show you your **lesson**?
2. Are you watching for the?

[LIFE IMPLICATION] I miss God's biggest blessings by not seeing the lessons He is teaching me in my trials.

Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord. And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: "O Lord, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Give ear, O Lord, and hear; open your eyes, O Lord, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to insult the living God. 2 Kings 19:14-16

THE SECRET TO LIFE:

[LIFE IMPLICATION] Victory can only come as I lay my struggles at His feet and choose to place Him between me and my circumstances.

SUMMARY OF 6 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Are you believing and expecting?

Do you have a thankful heart?

Are you letting go?

Have you come to the end of yourself?

Have you asked God to show you your lesson?

Are you watching for the simple?

Bonus Question: How difficult is it for you to apply the secret to life?

- **Which of the above questions is most relevant for you?**
- **What can you apply today?**