

# The Little Hut

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but no help ever came. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect himself from the elements, and to store his few possessions. Then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened — everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. “God, how could you do this to me?” he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. “How did you know I was here?” asked the weary man of his rescuers. “We saw your smoke signal,” they replied. It is easy to get discouraged sometimes when things appear to be going badly. But we should not lose heart, because God watches over His servants, even in the middle of pain and suffering. However, for all the negative thoughts and conditions our lives, God gives us a reason to be hopeful:

- You say, “It’s impossible” but God says, “All things are possible with Me” (Luke 18:27).
- You say, “I’m too wicked” but God says, “I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28-30).
- You say, “Nobody really loves me” but God says, “I love you” (John 3:16).
- You say, “I can’t go on” but God says, “My grace is sufficient” (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- You say, “I can’t figure this out” but God says, “I will direct your steps” (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- You say, “I can’t do it” but God says, “You can do all things through Me” (Philippians 4:13).
- You say, “It’s not worth it” but God says, “It will be worth it” (Romans 8:28).
- You say, “I can’t forgive myself” but God says, “I forgive you” (Romans 8:1).
- You say, “I can’t manage” but God says, “I will supply your needs” (Philippians 4:19).
- You say, “I’m afraid” but God says, “I have not given you a spirit of fear” (2 Timothy 1:7).
- You say, “I’m always worried and frustrated” but God says, “Cast all your cares on Me” (1 Peter 5:7).
- You say, “I’m not smart” but God says, “I give you wisdom” (1 Corinthians 1:30).
- You say, “I feel all alone” but God says, “I will never leave you or forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5).

There are some days and weeks that we all feel our huts are burning. But remember that the next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it is easy to summon the help of God. The sons of Korah wrote, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). May you always find the “grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

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