

Dealing with Difficult Situations

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Introduction

How do we deal with difficult situations – situations we would have avoided if we could?

- E.g. arriving in Franschoek and discovering the mess...
- Difficult situation at work; family conflict, or drug addiction; disability; social conflict, etc.
- We're not the first people to face such difficulties: the Bible's full of stories about people in difficulties beyond their control.

2 Kings 5.1-19

This is the story of a slave girl, a fearful king, and a sick general, and how they respond to difficult situations that are beyond their control.

Can we live EVERYWHERE as though God SENT us there?

The ultimate sending

John 1.14: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 20.21: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

- We can have peace, because if we're sent like Jesus, we'll overcome like Him.
- We can live EVERYWHERE as though God SENT us there!

The Challenge

What difficult situations do you currently find yourself in – situations you would have avoided if you could?

What is preventing you from treating those situations as though God had sent you to be there? Injustice, fear, pride?

How does Jesus inspire you to overcome this?

conclusion

Imagine we could all live EVERYWHERE as though God has SENT us there!

How would your families, workplaces, communities, and church look?
