



Owasso First Assembly of God

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1. God ALWAYS gets it right.
2. God faithfully protects me when I am tempted.
3. God faithfully restores me when I have failed.
4. God faithfully comforts me when I am suffering.
5. God faithfully strengthens me when I am struggling.
6. God faithfully sustains me when life seems unfair.

God is Faithful when life takes an unexpected turn

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NLT2) ¹⁷ *Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,* ¹⁸ **yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!** ¹⁹ **The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.** (For the choir director: This prayer is to be accompanied by stringed instruments.)

1. Life is filled with **unexpected** occurrences.

2. We often feel that we are living in unprecedented times.

Read story

3. God is at work in every situation.

Romans 8:28 (NIV) *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

4. You can trust the outcome of your situation to God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (MSG) ⁵ *Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own.* ⁶ *Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.*

5. When life takes an unexpected turn, don't panic but ask God to help you keep calm and carry on. (a phrase used by England in WW II to encourage resilience and perseverance)

1. DO NOT LET THE UNEXPECTED CONTROL YOU--Ask God for help

1. Resist the tendency to develop a negative attitude.

Bitterness, self-pity, resentment, anger, withdrawal

2. Carefully examine the cause of your problem.

Develop facts not just an opinion

3. Look for **lessons** to learn. 2 Cor. 1:2-7

2 Corinthians 1:2-7 (NLT2) ² *May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.* ³ *All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.* ⁴ *He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.* ⁵ *For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.* ⁶ *Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.* ⁷ *We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us.*

4. What do you do when your dream is destroyed? You **dream again**. The history of the Bible

2. DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR REBOUNDING FROM DISAPPOINTMENT--Ask God for help

1. Look at life **realistically**. Check your motives
Unrealistic expectations cause great frustration

2. Celebrate life **joyfully**.

Our problem today is not that we lack provision but we are overwhelmed with abundance but instead of being grateful we crave

more

3. Develop **expressed gratitude**. Say it Show it

4. Practice **generosity**. Generosity is the antidote for greed.

3. DISCOVER EXAMPLES TO ENCOURAGE YOU—The first Christmas

1. Mary and Joseph. Not the way they planned their lives together to start.

2. The shepherds. A rude wake up call in the middle of the night

3. The magi. A longer journey than they may have expected

4. DETERMINE TO ALWAYS GROW

1. God **redeems**, **restores**, and **refreshes**.

If we will allow it

2. An unexpected turn is a great time to **look** to God.

God whats going on? God never condemned your sincere question

3. An unexpected turn often causes you to look for a different **path**.
God may have a better plan not necessarily easier or more pleasant but better

4. An unexpected turn provides a great opportunity to put your **trust** in God.

Psalm 138:8 (NLT2) ⁸ *The LORD will work out his plans for my life—*

for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me.

God said to Israel in Exodus 6, "I am the LORD." He promises 7 things He will do.

1. I will bring you out
2. I will free you.
3. I will redeem you.
4. I will make you my people.
5. I will be your God.
6. I will bring you to the Promised land.
7. I will give you the land as your possession.

Exodus 6:9 (NLT2) *So Moses told the people of Israel what the LORD had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery.*

Do not allow your heart to be hardened with bitterness because of your experiences.

Allow God to restore what you have lost, and start on a fresh journey with him today.