

## *2018 Branson Victory Campaign*

### **Overcoming Financial Pressure**

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#### **A. Galatians 6:9—Some Have Become Weary in Well Doing**

1. (AMPC): “Let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint.”
2. This message is directed to those who have been under extreme financial pressure.
3. They have lost heart, grown weary and fainted in their stand of faith.
4. Some are facing looming deadlines.
  - a. They lay awake at night wondering:
    - i. Where will it come from?
    - ii. Will it come on time?
5. Worry completely takes over as they look at their paycheck and see no way to meet the need.

#### **B. The \$ 6 Million Deficit of 1989**

1. We went on as many daily television stations as possible.
2. The monthly bill escalated to over \$ 2.5 million every month.
3. That fall, we got seriously behind in our finances.
  - a. The television bill was three months behind.
  - b. Accounts payable were piling up.
  - c. “It could take 18 months to two years to recover.”
4. What I did:
  - a. We cut back on as much as possible.
  - b. We had a layoff.
  - c. We cut television stations.
  - d. The effects of the cutbacks would take several months.
5. The mistake I made:
  - a. I allowed myself to get under extreme financial pressure.
  - b. I began to carry the care.
  - c. I laid awake at night thinking about the bills.
  - d. I wanted to quit.
  - e. I got out of faith and focused on the dreaded outcome.

### **C. The Turning Point**

1. The LORD spoke a word to me at the end of November.
2. *Gather the staff every morning for a time of praise and thanksgiving. Redirect your attention from the dreaded outcome to faith in the desired result.*
3. Praise and thanksgiving are the language of faith and victory.
  - a. “The depth of your praise determines the magnitude of your harvest.”—Jerry Savelle
  - b. Psalm 67:5-7: “Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.”
4. Time can be an enemy or friend.
  - a. The outcome totally depends on what you do after the “amen” of your prayer.
  - b. Worry, anxiety and care are counterproductive to the desired outcome.
  - c. We had to get back into faith and totally trust God.
5. Something supernatural happened on Jan. 1, 1990.
  - a. Our income began to go up despite the station cuts.
  - b. The accounts payable were fully paid by March.
  - c. On July 10, 1990 at 9 a.m., the TV bill was paid in full.

### **D. An Analysis of What We Did**

1. We got back up on our stand of faith and stayed there.  
1 John 5:4: “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”
2. We never stopped tithing or giving.  
Malachi 3:10: “Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”
3. We stayed focused on the desired result.  
James 1:6: “Let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.”
4. We determined that God was our source of supply.  
1 Corinthians 8:6 (AMPC): “For us, there is [only] one God, the Father, Who is the Source of all things.”
5. We quit worrying and fully trusted God.  
1 Peter 5:6-7: “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:  
(AMPC) “Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.”  
— Roll the care of your financial pressures over on to Him.  
— Fully trust God for the outcome.

**E. Psalm 23 (AMPC)—Altar Ministry**

1. Verse 1: “The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.”
2. Verse 2: “He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters.”
3. Verse 3: “He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him— not for my earning it, but] for His name’s sake.”
4. Verse 4: “Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.”
5. Verse 5: “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over.”
6. Verse 6: “Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.”