Devotion #323

**God Can Fix It**

**Jeremiah 32:27 (NASB)** *"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?"*

Many, many times over the years people have come to me for counsel in God’s Word. Usually it is over some hurt or deep woundedness they feel or have experienced as a result of someone’s actions toward them or some situation from their past. Usually they come as a last-ditch effort to salvage their relationships within their own homes or with others, and usually there is the feeling that they are beyond hope. They often feel it is too late for God to make a difference in their situation. But the most glorious truth from God’s Word is that He is able to fix what is broken. In fact, God is really, really good at fixing what is broken. That is His specialty.

There are several examples of God’s ability to do the impossible in Scripture, but one of my favorites is from our passage today. The situation is that Israel has not followed the plan of the Lord for them. If you remember, God chose Israel to be His people out of all the people of the world. (Deuteronomy 7:6-7) They were to be His witness nation. In turn, He would provide for them and bless them abundantly. But if not, He would lovingly discipline them like any loving parent would when their child is wayward.

Sadly, Israel did not listen. She rebelled in heinous ways, even sacrificing their own children to the pagan god Molech. So God sent King Nebuchadnezzar, an ungodly king, king of Babylon, to capture them and take them into captivity for many years. At one point, when Jeremiah was a prophet to Israel, God told him to buy a piece of land and do all the necessary documentation to make it a legal transaction. This was to be done while Nebuchadnezzar was in the midst of laying siege to Judah, one of the southern tribes of Israel. (Jeremiah 32)

All of this was curious to Jeremiah. He didn’t understand the connection. He didn’t understand because he knew they would be taken into captivity and not return to the land. But God said that was not so. In time He would restore Israel back to her homeland, but not until she had learned her lesson of what spiritual waywardness does in a relationship with Him. This transaction by Jeremiah was God’s way of saying to Israel that there would come a day when He would remove them from captivity and bring them back to their land. God would fulfill all He promised. In His instruction to Jeremiah, He said our verse for today.

The point is that no matter what you and I face, we must never give up hope in God that He is able to do mighty things. He is able to perform miracles and restore lives and relationships if we are willing to follow Him and not our own ways of thinking and reacting. Just recently a young mother asked me if I thought she had ruined her relationship with her young daughter forever. Without sharing any details I was confidently able to say, “Absolutely not!”. God is able to do anything.

Sometimes our wounds from life are very deep and take a long time to heal. Sometimes those wounds make us feel like there is no hope for our future. In those times we must remember our God. Even as Jeremiah wondered how God could restore Israel back to her homeland, an impossible feat for man, God could do it and would do it. I can’t say that all things will be restored to exactly the way they were before your issues occurred, but what I can say is that God can restore the years the locusts have eaten. (Joel 2:25) Whatever has eaten away at your soul, God can restore and give life back to you.

So don’t lose hope. Sometimes we need to take a break from each other and our situation, but we should always come back with faith in God who can do the impossible. He has only our best interests at heart. The restoration may look a little different than we think, but it will be good as long as our faith is in God. There may even be times of hurt in the process, but, in the end, God will be at work, and He will restore the joy to our souls if we trust Him. Whatever it is, beloved, God can fix it. So, take a deep breath and look to the Lord. He wants to give you life - restored life.