



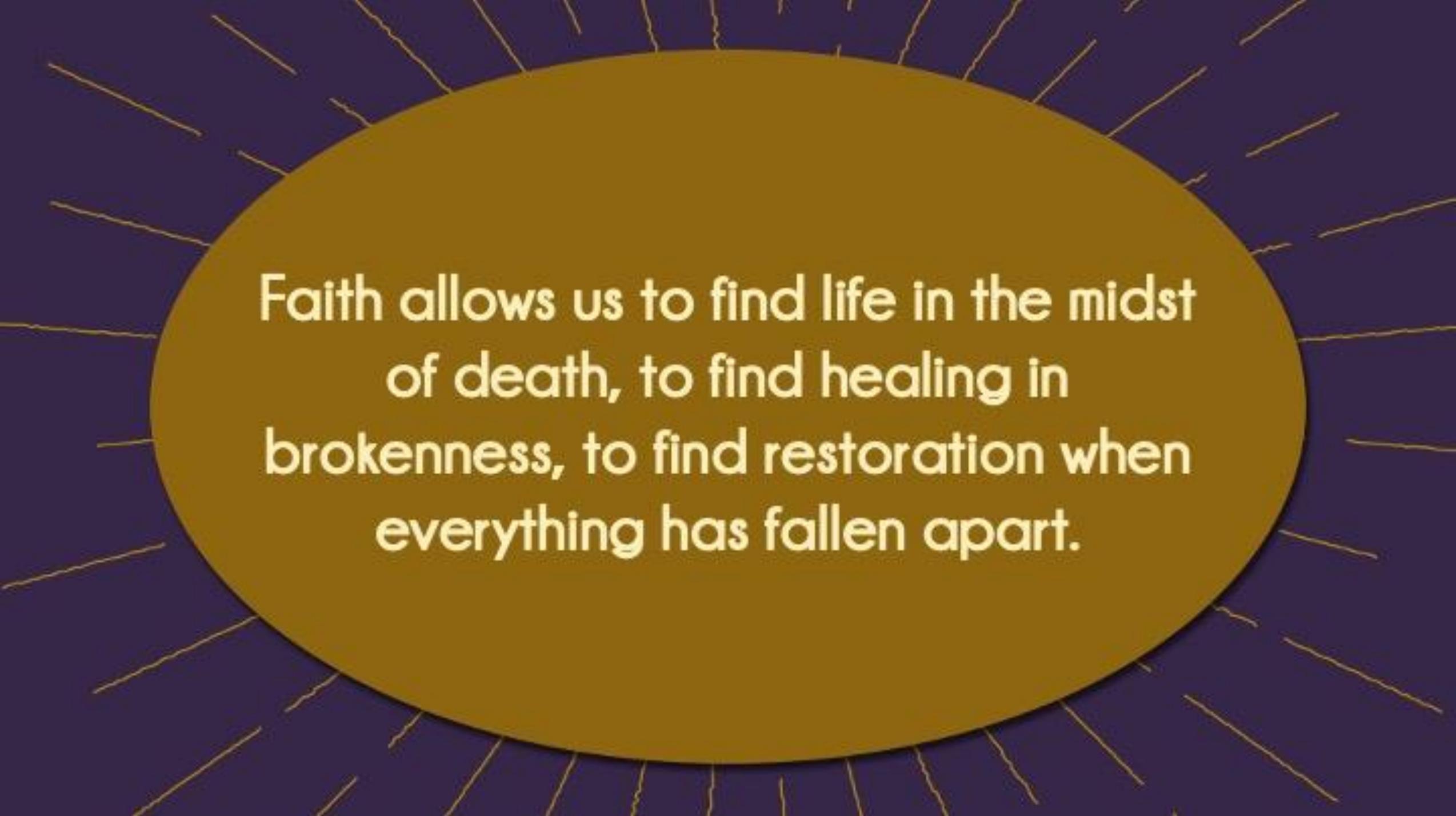


JOHN
LESSONS ON FAITH

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Faith allows us to find life in the midst
of death, to find healing in
brokenness, to find restoration when
everything has fallen apart.

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But I thank God, we have been taught that it is not the blessing, it is not the healing, it is not the sanctification, it is not the thing, it is not the it that you want, but it is something better. It is "the Christ"; it is Himself. How often that comes out in His Word "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses", He Himself "bore our sins in his own body on the tree!"

- A.B. Simpson

John 4:48-49

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The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”



Lesson on Faith & Prayer

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1. Persist: We should persist in prayer until we have an overwhelming reason not to.



Why Persist?

Our natural inclination is to use God and not to love God, only frustrations in prayer can purge and purify our desires. God also uses persistence in prayer to mold, even transform, our desires, to change how we pray and even what we are praying for so that we gradually come to pray closer to the heart of God's will.



John 4:50b-54

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him." Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.



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2. Believing is Seeing



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1. Persist
2. Believing is Seeing: Faith is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot see. Augustine put it this way: *"Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of faith is to see what we believe."*



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1. Persist
2. Believing is Seeing
3. Remember, what is our faith in? It is in Jesus.



There came a time when even faith seemed to come between me and Jesus. I thought I should have to work up the faith, so I labored to get the faith. At last, I thought I had it; that if I put my whole weight upon it, it would hold. I said, when I thought I had got the faith, "Heal me." I was trusting in myself, in my own heart, in my own faith. I was asking the Lord to do something for me because of something in me, not because of something in Him.

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3. Our faith is not in our faith, our level of it, our certainty of it. Our faith is in Jesus.



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4. God will answer – In His own time, In His own Way.



SERMON RESOURCES

