

MOTTOS AND MANTRAS

Part 1: When Life Hands You Lemons . . .

ELEMENTS OF TRUTH

- When life hands you lemons make lemonade
 1. Everyone will face bitter things in life
 2. We will have a response to the bitter
 3. The best response is to turn the bitter into something good (lemonade)
- Finding the good with God
 1. A life/relationship with Him opens the door to possibilities
 2. He is a key source in difficult times (***Psalm 119:49-50 NKJ***)

DAVID AND THE LEMON TREE

- Lemons on multiple levels (***1 Samuel 21:10-15 - 22:1-2 NKJ***)
 1. Left with no good options - all because of one man's hatred
 2. Face to face with a fear inducing situation
 3. Put in an embarrassing place
 4. Forced to live in a negative environment
 5. Surrounded by negative hurting people
- In the middle of all these lemons David turns to God (***Psalm 34:1-4 NKJ***)
 1. He did not blame God for his problems
 2. He considered God his answer - the One who helps make lemonade

MAKING LEMONADE

- Recognize that blame and bitterness go together
 1. We can blame Satan and people for some of the bitter things in our lives
 2. However, we can not blame anyone else for our attitude
 3. We can not keep blaming ourselves and move forward (***Hebrews 12:15 NKJ***)
- Turn to God as your source of help (***2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NKJ***)
 1. There are mercies (plural) for where we have missed it
 2. Comfort in the middle of bitter times
 3. God's comfort makes you a source of comfort to others
- It's not how you start it's how you finish (***Psalm 142:1-2; 5-7 NKJ***)
 1. David was in trouble and in a cave (multiple lemons)
 2. Even in a hard place he was not bitter at the Lord
 3. And when all was said and done