

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

### Part 5: When Things Go Really Wrong

#### **RESPONSES TO WRONG**

- Different responses
  1. Fall apart
  2. Lash out - at others, at God
  3. Retreat - going inward and isolated
  4. Numb the pain - escape through entertainment - abuse
- Our connection to God makes a major difference (***Psalms 11:3 NKJV***)
  1. Things going really wrong can destroy our foundations
  2. Our answer is in God (***Psalms 11:1 NKJV***)

#### **A WOMAN WHO STAYED CONNECTED WHEN LIFE WENT WRONG**

- She had money, but more importantly, a big heart for God (***2 Kings 4:8-10, 14-16 NLT***)
  1. Recognized Elisha as a man of God - showed honor by feeding/ building a room
  2. She was not looking for anything for herself
  3. The Lord honored her
- She stayed connected when things went wrong (***2 Kings 4:20-23, 25-28, 30, 35-37 NLT***)
  1. She did not fall apart or lash out at her husband
  2. She was respectful and honoring as her way of life
  3. She stayed connected with her words - It will be alright
  4. She stayed connected to her answer - Elisha
  5. Worshipped before she picked up her son

#### **STAYING CONNECTED WHEN THINGS GO REALLY WRONG**

- Guard your heart (***Proverbs 4:23 NLT***)
  1. Don't lash out or react harshly
  2. Constantly reaffirm/recalibrate your heart toward God
  3. Close the door
- Stay connected with your words
  1. Don't let your words fall apart
  2. Let your words reflect your connection to the Lord (***Hebrews 13:5-6 NLT***)