

**Psalm 34:17-19 NKJV** 17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all.

## BUT GOD

 **Problems are a prophecy of the great things God has in store for us if we continue.**

- **Deuteronomy 6:23 NKJV** Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers.
- **Galatians 6:9 NKJV** And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.
- **Hebrews 12:1 NIV** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us

 **God has rewards and blessings all along the journey.**

## LIONS

**Judges 14:5-14 NKJV** 5 So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. 6 And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. 7 Then he went down and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. 8 After some time, when he returned to get her, he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion. And behold, a swarm of bees and honey were in the carcass of the lion. 9 He took some of it in his hands and went along, eating. When he came to his father and mother, he gave some to them, and they also ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion 10 So his father went down to the woman. And Samson gave a feast there, for young men used to do so. 11 And it happened, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12 Then Samson said to them, "Let me pose a riddle to you. If you can correctly solve and explain it to me within the seven days of the feast, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing. 13 But if you cannot explain it to me, then you shall give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of clothing." And they said to him, "Pose your riddle, that we may hear it." 14 So he said to them: "Out of the eater came something to eat, And out of the strong came something sweet." Now for three days they could not explain the riddle.


 **God knows how to reroute us to our destination.**

- **1 Peter 5:8 NIV** Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
- **Judges 14:8 NIV** Some time later, when he went back to marry her, he turned aside to look at the carcass of the lion, and there he found a swarm of bees in it and some honey.
- On the other side of hardship is a sweet reward.

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## GIANTS

**Numbers 13:33 NIV** But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

 **The bigger they are, the harder they fall.**

 **When giants fall, other things fall with it.**

- **1 Samuel 17:45 NIV** David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

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## BEARS

**Daniel 7:5 NIV** “And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, ‘Get up and eat your fill of flesh!’

 **The Bear represents kingdoms and political systems of this world.**

- **Daniel 7:13-14 NIV** “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.
- **Psalms 146:3 NIV** Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save
- **Psalms 20:7 NIV** Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

 **Don't fear man's kingdoms, Jesus will be exalted in all the earth!**

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## BUT GOD

**Psalms 34:19 NKJV** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

- You may have many issues, but you only need One God to solve them all.
- God knows just what conjunction we need at the right time: If, And or But **God**

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