

## Encouraging Truth #1 Handout

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God can use  
anything - even a  
virus - for good.

Bad news  
usually comes  
out of  
nowhere.

We can't fathom  
how this event  
will change our  
future.

**Genesis 1:1**  
*In the beginning God  
created the heavens  
and the earth.*

**Isaiah 45:12**  
*I am the one who  
made the earth and  
created people to live  
on it. With my hands I  
stretched out the  
heavens. All the stars  
are at my command.*

Regardless of  
what is taking us  
by surprise...  
Nothing is a  
surprise to God.

"I GIVE" - "God  
do what YOU  
need to and I will  
be onboard."

They could not  
see the future  
they thought  
they would have.

There was a purpose  
in their pain.  
There was purpose  
even when nobody  
saw it coming.

Proverbs 22:3  
A prudent  
person foresees  
danger and  
takes  
precautions. The  
simpleton goes  
blindly on and  
suffers the  
consequences.

2 Chronicles 26:21  
King Uzziah was a  
leper until the day  
of his death. He  
dwelt in an  
isolated house,  
because he was a  
leper; for he was  
cut off from the  
house of the LORD.

**Romans 13:1**  
Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.

**John 14:6**  
Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

**Acts 4:12**  
There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

**2 Chronicles 20:2**  
Messengers came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army from Edom is marching against you from beyond the Dead Sea."

3 Jehoshaphat was terrified

He also ordered everyone in Judah to begin fasting.

4 So people from all the towns of Judah came to Jerusalem to seek the LORD's help.

2 Chronicles 20:5  
Jehoshaphat stood before the community of Judah and Jerusalem in front of the new courtyard at the Temple of the LORD.

6 He prayed, "O LORD, God of our ancestors, you alone are the God who is in heaven. You are ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth. You are powerful and mighty; no one can stand against you!"

*7 O our God, did you not drive out those who lived in this land when your people Israel arrived? And did you not give this land forever to the descendants of your friend Abraham?*

*8 Your people settled here and built this Temple to honor your name.*

*9 They said, 'Whenever we are faced with any calamity such as war, plague, or famine, we can come to stand in your presence before this Temple where your name is honored. We can cry out to you to save us, and you will hear us and rescue us.'*

*Psalm 22:4  
Our fathers  
trusted in You;  
they trusted  
(leaned on, relied  
on You, and were  
confident) and  
You delivered  
them.*

*12 O our God, won't you stop them? We are powerless against this mighty army that is about to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help."*

*15 He said, "Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's."*

**God I am trusting  
that You will do  
something AMAZING  
with the bad that has  
come into my life.**