

Fort Payne church of Christ



The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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Sometimes Things Go Wrong (Houston, we've got a problem!)

On April 11, 1970, the spacecraft **Apollo 13** lifted off from Cape Canaveral on a mission that almost ended in travesty. As depicted in the movie by the same name, astronauts Jim Lovell, Jack Swigert and Fred Haise lifted off aboard Apollo 13 for America's third Moon landing mission. En route, an on-board explosion deprives their spacecraft of most of its oxygen supply and electric power, forcing NASA's flight controllers to abort the Moon landing, and turning the mission into a struggle to get the three men home safely.

The movie portrayed a very realistic account of the events and the incredible amount of effort that went into bringing those three men back home safely. Things went wrong and things had to be devised that had never been attempted before. Yet, the skill and determination of all involved came together with little time to spare to turn a disaster into a truly remarkable event. Every single member of the team had to function at their very best to achieve the end result. They had no choice, the lives of three men depended on it.

You ever have days like this when, even with the best of plans, something goes wrong that can totally disrupt everything? What do you do? If you're part of a team, then it's up to the team to pull together and fix the problem. What if it's only you – no one else for you to call on? If it's going to get fixed, you're the one who has to do it. Makes you just want to throw your hands up and scream! You can't – it's all on you.

Well, sometimes things go wrong for Christians – whether it's a group or one person. It does happen and we probably find ourselves wondering if God is *really* there and will help us. Yet, we can be assured that God is with us and He will not forsake us; He will see us through.

The Hebrew writer said it clearly when he penned “. . . *for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*” No matter what happens, God will be there to see us through. He was there for Joshua, after Moses' death, when God chose him to lead His people into the promised land. What an awesome burden was placed on Joshua's shoulders. Yet, God reassured him that he would be there to see him through. Just as Joshua did,

we must *"trust in the Lord with thy whole heart, and never lean to thy own understanding; for he hath said, 'No, I will never leave thee; not I: I will never, never cast thee off'."*

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the *"most of your minutes"* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland