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Exhausting our natural options is when God's supernatural begins. Salvation from our sins is a simple example. Difficult examples are our worst trials in life. Either way, there would be no Heavenly intervention without trials. Think of **T.R.I.A.L.** as an acronym: **The Reason Is Abundant Life.** Our defeated enemy satan comes to steal, kill and destroy but God came to give us life and (then) life more (and more) abundantly ⇒ John 10:10.

Understanding how this “**more abundantly**” happens will help explain how all things work together for our good ⇒ Romans 8:28, especially trials. God uses food to explain ⇒ Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3. The simple example of salvation is represented by milk because it is produced by **others**. Difficult examples are represented by meat because work is required by **us**. The same principle is in Exodus 33:1-3 ⇒ where God's Promised Land, full of milk and honey, **also** had giants that He wanted Israel to fight off.

Problems come when the people think the supernatural is all milk and honey.

Though sometimes taught, this is NOT Biblical. Being obsessed to be blessed is an evil message which sounds spiritual at first, but is as selfish as the devil himself. Jesus Christ came to serve, not to be served ⇒ Mark 10:45. Jesus also told His disciples to serve ⇒ Mark 8:6. Scripture shows that **more abundance** comes from our **output** than our **input**.

Being obsessed to be blessed is not how to receive supernaturally ⇒ Matthew 6:32. It is more blessed to give than receive ⇒ Acts 20:35 because in giving **we run out**, then **supernatural supply starts**. Receiving feels good until we get fat. **Living a giving life** works well because then **God** “**adds** all these things to you” ⇒ Matthew 6:33. Notice the wealthiest people in the Bible were not obsessed to be blessed. Rather, blessings actually followed **them** because they were faithful in giving, regardless of their status or situation.

“**More abundantly**” happens inside our **quest to bless others**, and not being stressed and **obsessed to get blessed**. If we say we will bless others **after** God blesses us, **we fail** the Acts 20:35 test because that proves our backwards priorities of **receiving** over **giving!**

The Apostle Paul discusses the power of God's resurrection (milk and honey) **and then** the fellowship of His sufferings (meat, warfare) ⇒ Philippians 3:10. Isaiah 55:8-9 ⇒

God may allow brutal suffering for good reasons He is NOT obligated to explain.

Demanding explanations again proves our backwards priorities of **receiving** over **giving!**

When trials go **beyond our ability** we choose between superficial and supernatural. We can become offended that life is no longer all milk and honey (superficial: nothing solid) OR we can relentlessly rely on God for intervention (supernatural: provision of what is humanly impossible ⇒ Mark 10:27). This intensity is not insensitivity to the hurting, **but is the point: trials beyond our ability are where the supernatural begins.**

Marriage trials that go **beyond our ability** are opportunities for supernatural help from the very hand of God. Remember to not demand time frames or personal answers; if it **IS** supernatural help we want, then **GOD** must be the one to provide it. ♥ Loren Falzone