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We have heard it said, “Get a **grip!**” and “Go **collect** yourself.” This is **impossible** sometimes. Mark 10:27 says ⇨ things impossible for us are possible with God. One of the purposes of facing impossible situations in life *is* to prompt us to cry out to God to **gather** us; the choice He loves us to make! ⇨ Romans 8:18-22; Lamentations 3:31-41.

“For a little moment I have left (*literally: loosened, permitted*) you; but with great mercies **I will gather you.**” ⇨ Isaiah 54:7. “I will never leave (*literally: send, desert*) or forsake you (*literally: leave you behind*).” ⇨ Hebrews 13:5. Understand God’s heart and actions here and destroy any humanistic performance thoughts you may have: Jesus came to redeem pain for our gain. **We must cry out to Him whenever we feel overwhelmed.**

Encouragement from God directly to you from Isaiah 54 (read the whole chapter!)

- “For **your Maker is your husband**; Jehovah of Hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall He be called. For Jehovah has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were rejected, says your God.” (v.5-6)
- “For **this is as the waters of Noah to Me**; for as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn from being angry with you and from rebuking you. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall the covenant of My peace be removed, says Jehovah who has mercy on you.” (9-10)
- “**Afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, behold**, I will lay your stones among antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires. And I will make your battlements of ruby, and your gates of carbuncles, and all your borders of pleasant stones.” (v.11-12)
- “Behold, they shall surely gather together, not by Me; **whoever shall gather against you, he shall fall by you**. Behold, I have created the smith who blows the coals in the fire, and who brings out a tool for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against you shall be blessed; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the inheritance of the servants of Jehovah, and their righteousness is from Me, says Jehovah.” (v.15-17)

We all need to apply this to our marriage: our spouse may be abused by an evil-infused world: **we** need to be Jesus to them and **gather him / her!** A husband needs to love his wife as Christ loved the church, powerfully intervening to make her safe; **dramatically** if necessary ⇨ Ephesians 5:25. A wife needs to surround her husband with her femininity to make his heart feel safe ⇨ Song Of Solomon 8:10 ... **thoroughly!** ⇨ Proverbs 5:19.

We are **gathered** by God’s **great mercies** ⇨ Isaiah 54:7, **not** by necessarily deserving to be **gathered**. Jesus loved **sinners**; remember **kindness** brings repentance ⇨ Romans 2:4. Attending to God’s Word **does** make God’s blessings come upon us and overtake us ⇨ Deuteronomy 28:2, **but so does** His undeserved **great mercy!** Avoid legalism and just get God’s caring heart when your spouse says, “**Gather Me!**” ♥ Loren & Kathy Falzone