

Make the Best of It

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God's guidance in difficult times is to settle down in our present circumstances, make the best of what we have, and trust in His promise of deliverance and happiness.

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Description

In this sermon, Basilia Schlink discusses the concept of accepting and embracing our present circumstances, even if they are difficult or burdensome. She draws parallels to the Israelites who were imprisoned in Babylon and how God instructed them to build houses, plant gardens, and settle down in their current situation. Schlink emphasizes that while Satan promises short-lived happiness, God's plan involves first experiencing suffering and the cross, but ultimately leading to happiness, joy, and the resolution of our difficulties. She encourages listeners to adjust themselves to their present circumstances, find joy and commitment in their current situations, and trust that God has a specific date in mind for their freedom.

Transcript

God lives and works today, but that doesn't mean that the lives of those who believe in him will be all sunshine and flowers. Even his dearest children are not spared difficult paths. But God has given us a watchword, a key to a tremendous help.

Listen to today's meditation by Basilia Schlenk. Almost everyone has something in his life which he would like to wish away, a burden of some kind which he longs to be able to shake off his shoulders. In a small way, our lives are like the Israelites when they were imprisoned in Babylon.

What did God say to them then, through his prophet? Build houses and live in them. Plant gardens and eat their produce, Jeremiah 29. In other words, he was saying, don't constantly try to avoid your suffering.

Say yes to your present situation. Settle down there and make the best of it. But what does this mean for our lives? Perhaps you are sick and miserable.

You can't do many of the things that made your life happy before. Then the Lord's words mean, adjust yourself to the present circumstances. Make the best of what you have.

Or perhaps you have a job that you don't like very much. Then the Lord is saying to you, first settle down. Make the most of it.

Begin to love your job. And what you are able to accomplish there, that too, with total commitment and joy. Gladly for thee, dear Lord, what thou dost ask, I'll give.

And never rest until how thou dost bid, I live, thy holy will fulfill. But God tells us something else too. For he's a Father who always has the best advice to teach us how to cope with life.

When we've settled down and made our home in our present Babylon, that is, when we've said yes to the difficult leadings of the Lord, then the Father will answer us, you will experience, I've already thought up a definite date when I'll set you free. For Israel, this meant a definite time when God would bring them out of Babylon and back to their own country. Satan promises a short-lived happiness.

But with God, it's just the opposite. First comes a cross and suffering. But then comes happiness and joy, blessing and the solution to our difficulties.

This is true for now here on earth and for all eternity. What a heart of love the Father has. Loving Father, Father of everlasting love, I sing and rejoice of your unending love, Your planning, leading, counsel.

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