God, I Need Help!

Way back, a good number of years ago, I experienced an occurrence in my life that I had thought would never happen. I found myself without employment, without a means of earning a living for my family. I was forced to begin my search for another job. Ironically, I always received the same response everywhere I went: "Oh Bud, you will have no trouble finding a job; with your credentials you'll do fine." But the same response produced no employment. I was running out of time; I was running out of severance pay; my mind was turning toward things I dare not mention; I was in desperation mode. One morning after my family had left for work, and/or school, I found myself literally sliding down our bedroom wall and crying out, "GOD, I NEED HELP!"

I had never before had to call on God in that way. Then, suddenly things changed; job openings occurred like I would have never dreamed. Life got better. Hope for the future was good. Before, my attitude was, "I could handle it myself; I can do it." No doubt, many of us have experienced conditions or instances similar to mine. However, when we search the Scriptures, and seek the guidance of God Almighty through Jesus Christ, we find a totally different result instead of our self-serving attitude.

The verse quoted above from **2 Peter** is so very true: "Since everything here today might well be gone tomorrow, do you see how essential it is to live a holy life?" We need not worry or fret about what "stuff" we have, or need, or want, or our circumstances, or what tomorrow will bring. God, through His infinite grace, love and caring for us will carry us through. We don't have to cry out, "God I need help," but rather, "Thank you God, for you have always cared for, and always will, look after your people." As the Psalmist said, "God's in charge-always. Zion's God is God for good! Hallelujah!"

Prayer: God of Grace, God of Glory, grant us peace and assurance that can only come from You. May we continue to grow in grace and understanding of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In our daily living, may our lives be those of love, caring and praise to You. In the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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