

*Relief is often only
one tough decision away*

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I have heard it said that if money can fix it, time can fix it, or if it's just a tough decision, it's not a problem but rather an opportunity. However, there are some situations which can only be remedied by a decision that is difficult to make. Such was the case when God faced eternal separation from mankind. No amount of money could fix the problem and time without remedy would only make it worse. The only answer to God's problem was to send his Son as a baby, born in a stable in Bethlehem, destined to be rejected, bruised, beaten, and crucified, all for sins He did not commit. This was a tough decision but there was no other relief and no one else who could make that decision but God. Although no other such sacrifice will ever be required, we nonetheless face situations which cannot be remedied without us making a tough decision. Face the facts! Relief may be only one tough decision away ... and you may be the only one who can fix it.

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, help me to take my responsibility seriously and realize that there are some things only I can fix. Help me to face and make the right decision even when it's a difficult one.

Scriptures for Today

Isaiah 53:3-5 He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live. (NKJV)