

Reversal of Fortune

**Three Witnesses of
Glory Days Ahead
to Give You Hope**


Warning!

The greatest reversal of
fortune is the one at
Christ's Return.

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However!

Our Father in heaven
has left us here until
then and blesses now.



**You have trials or
difficulties now ...
... or you will!**


The feeding of the 5000 in John 6 exposed the weak faith of Philip and Andrew.

Philip thought financially – eight months of wages would only be a slice of bread each.

Andrew produced a lad's lunch but saw no value in it since the crowd was so great.

They Forgot History!

They forgot that Jesus
had already turned
water into wine for
a large wedding!



**David had many
trials in his life,
but he shared his
rule for hope.**

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14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm 27:13-14



**Why did David
trust God to
bless Him?**

He Knew History!

He knew God had
delivered Israel
many times.

**Our fathers trusted in thee: they
trusted, and thou didst deliver them.**

Psalm 22:4

**We have heard with our ears, O God,
our fathers have told us, what work
thou didst in their days, in the times of
old.**

Psalm 44:1

**Which we have heard and known, and
our fathers have told us.**

Psalm 78:3

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**This poor man cried, and the LORD
heard him, and saved him out of all his
troubles.**

Psalm 34:6


**6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
and cried unto my God: he heard my
voice out of his temple, and my cry
came before him, even into his ears.**

**7 Then the earth shook and trembled;
the foundations also of the hills moved
and were shaken, because he was
wroth.**

Psalms 18:6-7

**Come and hear, all ye that fear God,
and I will declare what he hath done for
my soul.**

Psalm 66:16



**David gave us a
great rule for
hope.**

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Three Witnesses!

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to build great faith
for great hope.



Brethren

Your Own History

The Bible – Inspired History



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Romans 15:4

For whatsoever things were written
aforetime were written for our
learning, that we through patience and
comfort of the scriptures might have
hope.

Romans 15:4





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Romans 5:3-4

The Bible – Inspired History

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and
experience, hope:

Romans 5:3-4



1 Kgs 1:37

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36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

I Kings 1:36-37

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You Must Use the Witnesses!

- If you neglect the Bible ... you lose its help & hope!
- If you do not muse ... you forget your own history.
- If you ignore brethren ... you lose their experiences.
- God gave you scripture, a memory, and a church.
- We are nearly overwhelmed with facts for faith!

Don't Forget!

Israel forgot His works!

Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

Psalm 106:7

**42 They remembered not his hand, nor
the day when he delivered them from
the enemy.**

**43 How he had wrought his signs in
Egypt, and his wonders in the field of
Zoan:**

Psalm 78:42-43

Don't Forget!

The apostles forgot!

**Do ye not yet understand, neither
remember the five loaves of the five
thousand, and how many baskets ye
took up?**

Matthew 16:9

**Neither the seven loaves of the four
thousand, and how many baskets ye
took up?**

Matthew 16:10

Reversals ... in the Bible!

Joseph

Ruth

David

Job

Elisabeth

Moses

Moses' Parents

Jacob

Hannah

Esther

Manasseh

Mary

Daniel

Naomi

John Mark

Gadarene

Peter

Jesus!

Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

James 5:11

Reversals ... in Your Life!

Jobs

Marriage

Health

Money

Relations

Salvation

Truth

You Must See the Reversals!


- You must recognize the unusual course of events.
- A good in-law can trump your own children (Ruth)!
- Spiritual relations trump family ones (Mark 10:28-30).
- Marking a calendar is very scriptural (Haggai 2:15-19).
- Evil days are coming ... but your soul can still prosper.

You Must Remember the Reversals!

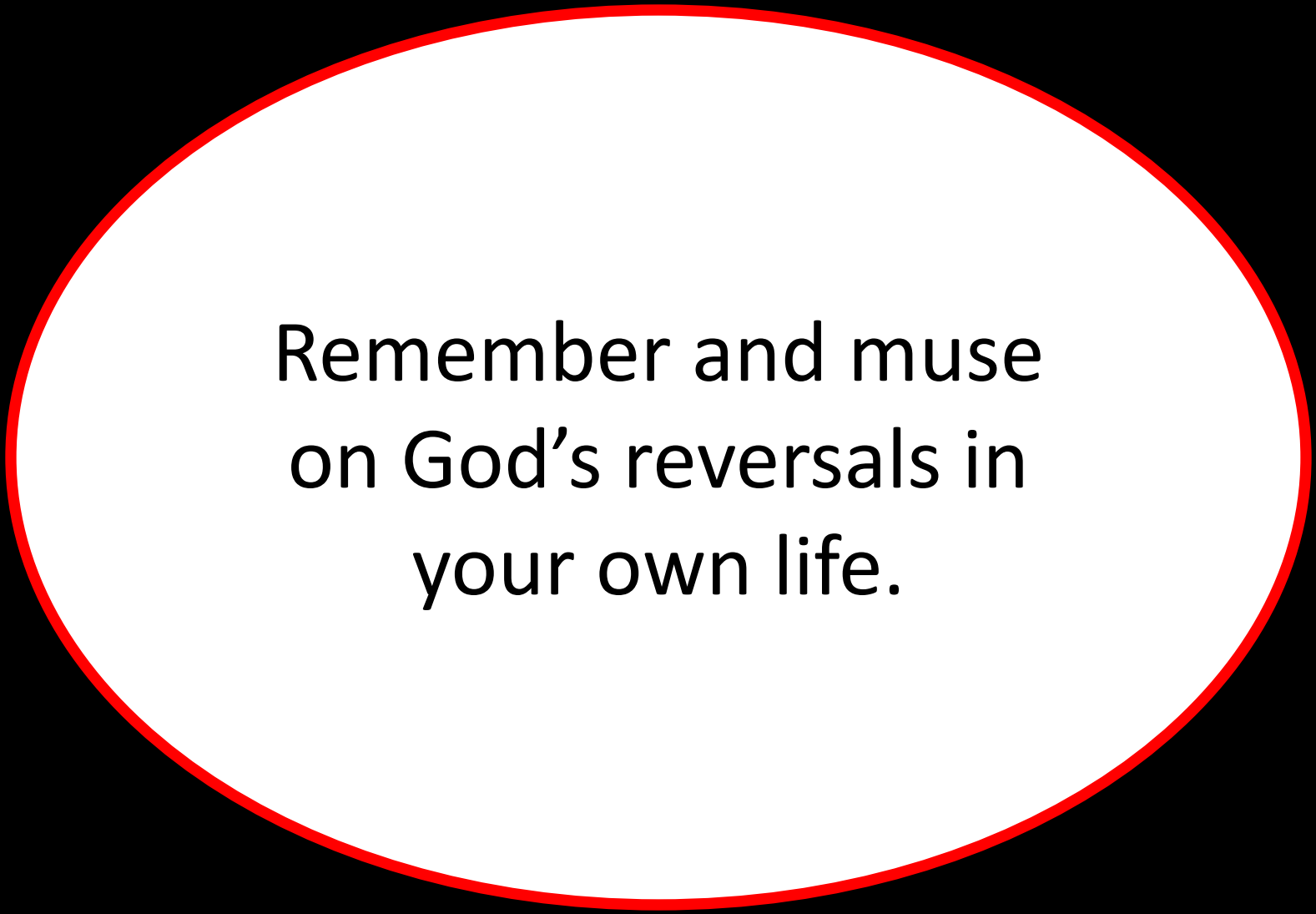
- David did not faint ... since he believed (Ps 27:13-14).
- He warned repeatedly to remember (Ps 77:9-11).
- If you let your memory slip, you will lose hope.
- God loves a thankful people, and this is one way.
- With or without stones, we must recall His works.

You Must Qualify for the Reversals!

- Our God is a Rewarder of diligent seekers (Heb 11:6).
- Obedience, like honoring parents, works (Eph 6:2-3).
- Confess sins for prosperity (Pr 28:13; Is 58:8-14; 59:1-2).
- Pray for His mercy ... without any sins (Ps 66:16-20).
- Do your duty consistently and diligently (Ps 127:1-2).



**Some lives never
get better ... and
they never will ...
by foolish living.**




Remember and muse
on God's reversals in
your own life.

And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

I Samuel 30:6

I remember the days of old; I meditate
on all thy works; I muse on the work of
thy hands.

Psalm 143:5



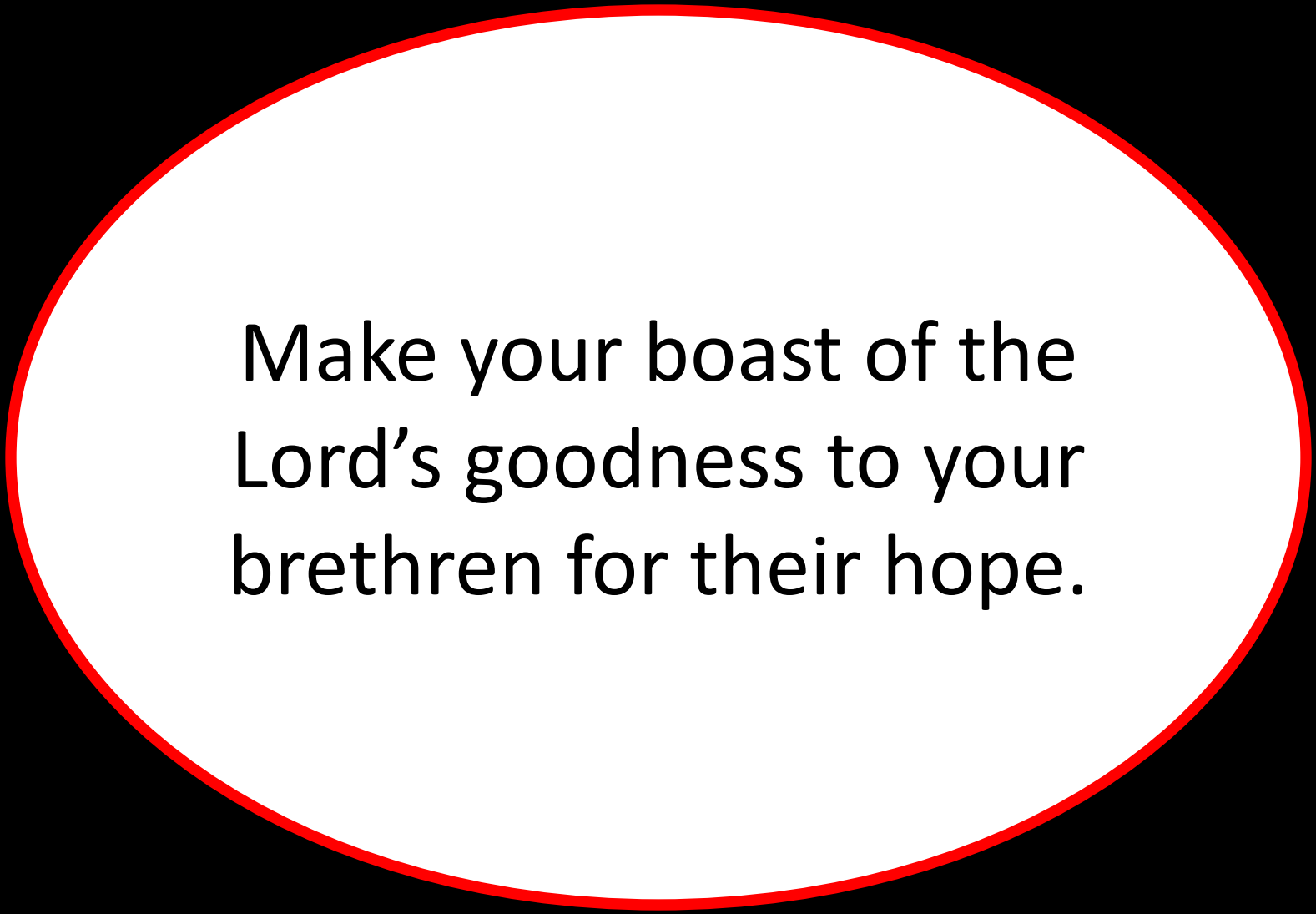
Tell your children about
God's reversals in your
life.

We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

Psalm 78:4

**Tell ye your children of it, and let your
children tell their children, and their
children another generation.**

Joel 1:3



Make your boast of the
Lord's goodness to your
brethren for their hope.

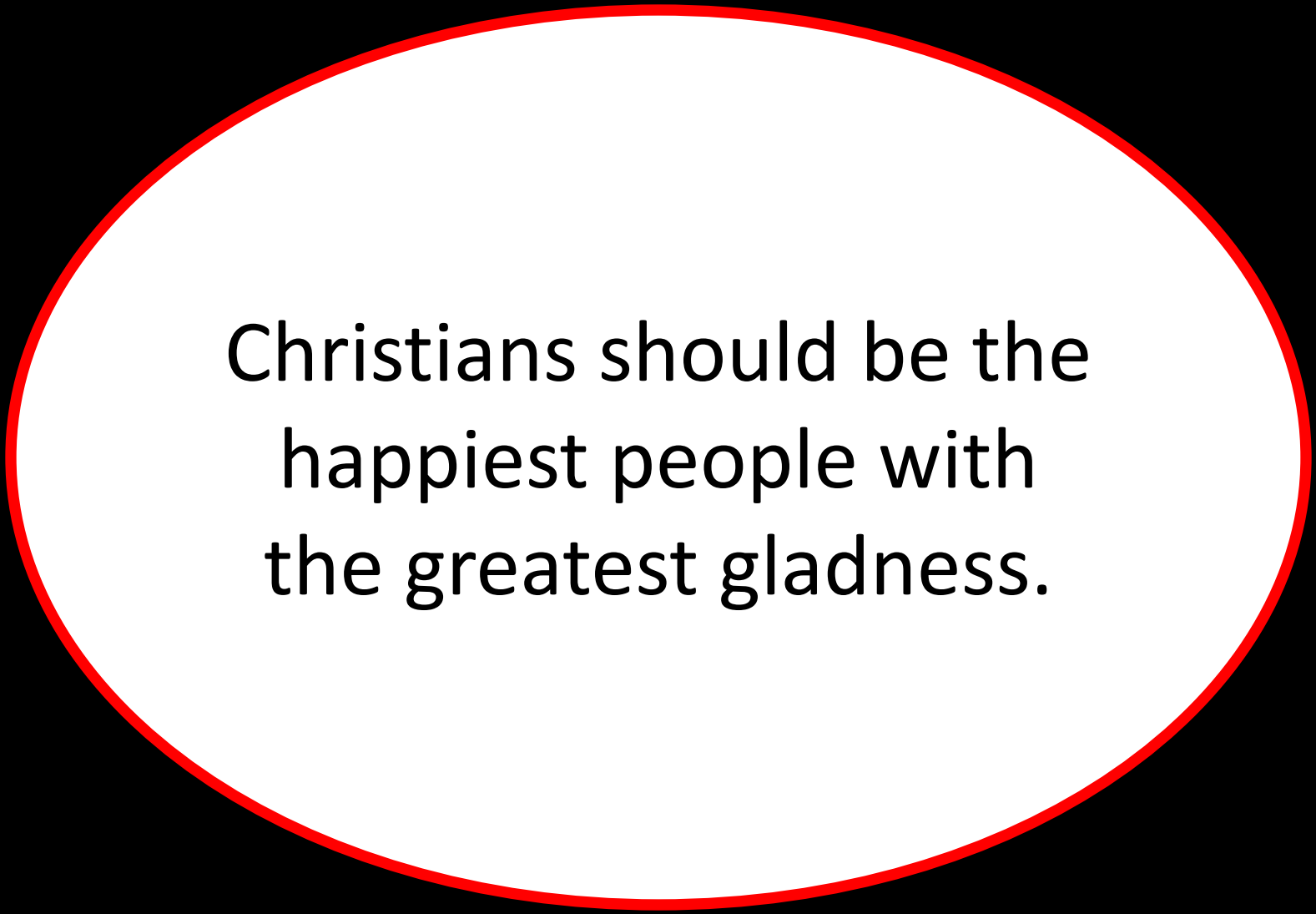
2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 34:2-3

Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Mark 5:19



Christians should be the
happiest people with
the greatest gladness.

When the LORD turned again the
captivity of Zion, we were like them
that dream.

Psalm 126:1

Then was our mouth filled with
laughter, and our tongue with singing:
then said they among the heathen, The
LORD hath done great things for them.

Psalm 126:2

**The LORD hath done great things for us;
whereof we are glad.**

Psalm 126:3

For Further Study

- **Glory Days Ahead ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/glory-days-ahead.pdf>
- **Connect the Dots ...** <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/connect-the-dots.pdf>
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