

Victory Connect Lesson
The Turning Point for the Church
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1. Bible examples of turning points:

- a. Moses at the burning bush (Ex 3:1-10)
- b. Esther at the appeal to the King (Est 4:14)
- c. Joshua at the death of Moses (Jos 1:2)

2. In times of tragedy and upheaval we need to seek the wisdom of the Lord. Jer 6:16 NLT - This is what the LORD says: "Stop at the crossroads and look around. Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it. Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls..."

3. This is not a time for luke-warm complacency. Rev 3:15 NKJV - "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot :19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent."

4. We are facing a spiritual crisis. Eph 6:12 NKJV - For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual [hosts] of wickedness in the heavenly [places].

5. Will we turn to man or to God? ...to panic or to peace? Phl 4:6 NKJV - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; :7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is another Turning Point in the Bible?
- 2. Share a time weeping made your heart stronger?
- 3. What does this Turning Point mean to you?

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