

How God Used Hard Times to Transform This Woman's Heart—and Change Her Life

"It's almost like I'm racing home to spend time with Him."

Crystal Williams couldn't always say that about spending time with God.

"I never thought I would feel this way about God," she tells Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of *Greenelines* on the Charisma Podcast Network. "I loved Him and everything. But it's totally different now."

The transformation happened for one simple reason: Even during the hard times, Williams kept making choices to spend time with God. "He talks to me; I talk to Him. And then there are some times where we're just quiet. And just His presence—I feel and I know that He's here.

Crystal says this deep relationship with God is something people must experience to understand. "You will not understand until you've been in His presence. And I encourage everybody to reach for His presence. It's not isolated to just Me; He offers it for everyone."

But Williams is not immune to spiritual drought. In fact, like many of us, she faced it during the COVID-19 lockdown when she found herself afraid to go to sleep at night. But in the time she spent with the Lord, which included prayer and a 40-day fast, He renewed her faith by giving her Scriptures to cling to, she says. "Perfect love casts out all fear. And God hasn't given me the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. ... He gave me different things to fight with. So my confidence started to build up a little bit more."

✖ Those Scriptures and the deep relationship with God that came through this time, she says, led her to the writing of her brand-new book, *Hear My Cry O God! The Principles to Overcoming a Crisis*, available wherever fine books are sold.

“I just want everyone to know they’re never stuck in a situation,” she says. “First Corinthians 10:13 states that God is faithful to us. ... Each test is an opportunity for us to trust God more with every trial.

For much more from Crystal Williams on the power of God’s presence to transform your trials, listen to the entire episode of *Greenelines* at this link, and subscribe to *Greenelines* on your favorite podcast platform for more inspiring stories. {eo}

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