

Be Encouraged:  
God Can Handle  
“Basket Cases!”  
Exodus 2:5-10

# Christians Can Have “Basket Case Experiences!”

## Have You Ever Felt Like This?

- ***“I am afraid at this point in my life, with COVID running rampant!” “It’s highly transmissible, and some people have no respect for me or the virus.”***
- ***“I am lonesome.” “What will happen to me next?”***
- ***“I am tired of living with \_\_\_\_\_ (situation, illness).”***
- ***“It’s scary when someone else controls your future.”***
- ***“How many more companies will turn down my application?”***
- ***“I’m am more forgetful than I’ve ever been.”***

# “A Basket Case”

- The experience of a “Total Meltdown,” socially, psychologically, spiritually
- When someone is unable to cope with a situation
- When a Christian feels that they have exhausted all of their moral options
- When there are situations that we are unable to correct
- Has following Jesus put me in this “*Basket Case Situation?*” Trying to live a “*Boy Scout or Girl Scout Life*” just doesn’t work in the real world

# In Times of Basket Case Experiences Please Remember God's Word!

## 2 Chronicles 16:9 (N.I.V.)

***“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him....”***

- God is constantly scanning the world in which we live (job life, home life, social life, financial situations) evaluating our difficulties and making plans to keep us strong

***BUT HERE IS THE POINT!***

- God's strength is challenged by His children who haven't decided on their commitment: ***“How long halt ye (waver) between two opinions? If the Lord is God follow Him; But if Baal is God follow him.” But the people said nothing.”***  
***1 Kings 18:21***

## **Moses' Parents, in This Story, Were Literally in a "Basket Case Situation!" Exodus 2:1-4**

***"Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the banks of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him."***

- **Remember the Egyptian Law against Hebrew slaves:**

***"Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile."***  
**Exodus 1:22** (These parents are now basket cases of fear!)

- **These Hebrew parents, Jocebed and Amram, disobeyed man's law by obeying God to save their baby, Moses, from certain death (murdering babies is still wrong)**

## **Watch How God Handles This “Basket Case” For His Faithful Children!**

***“Then Pharoah’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him.***

***“This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said.***

***Then his sister asked Pharoah’s daughter, “Shall I go get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?” “Yes, go,” she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother.***

*Pharoah's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharoah's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, I drew him out of the water.*

**God Made the Man That Passed the Law to Kill the Baby Boy, Pay for the Best Education and Development That Was Possible in His Day!**

**Who Else Can Arrange All of That for His Child?**

**No One Else But God!**

# Another “Basket Case” Delivery From God!

## Acts 23:12-35

- **Over Forty men in Jerusalem swore with an oath not to eat or drink until they murdered Paul, who was being kept by Roman guards (Paul had a personal basket case experience)**
- **They asked the chief religious leaders to ask the Roman officers to bring Paul to their court, under the pretext of needing more information from him, and on the way to their court, they said, “*We’ll take care of him.*”**
- **Paul had no idea of this plot (Neither do we always know our enemies, but “In God we trust and commit,” Proverbs 3:5-6).**
- **But the son of Paul’s sister heard about the plot and went to the prison and told Paul, verse 16**
- **Paul called one of the head guards and ask him to take his nephew to the commander to inform him of the plot**



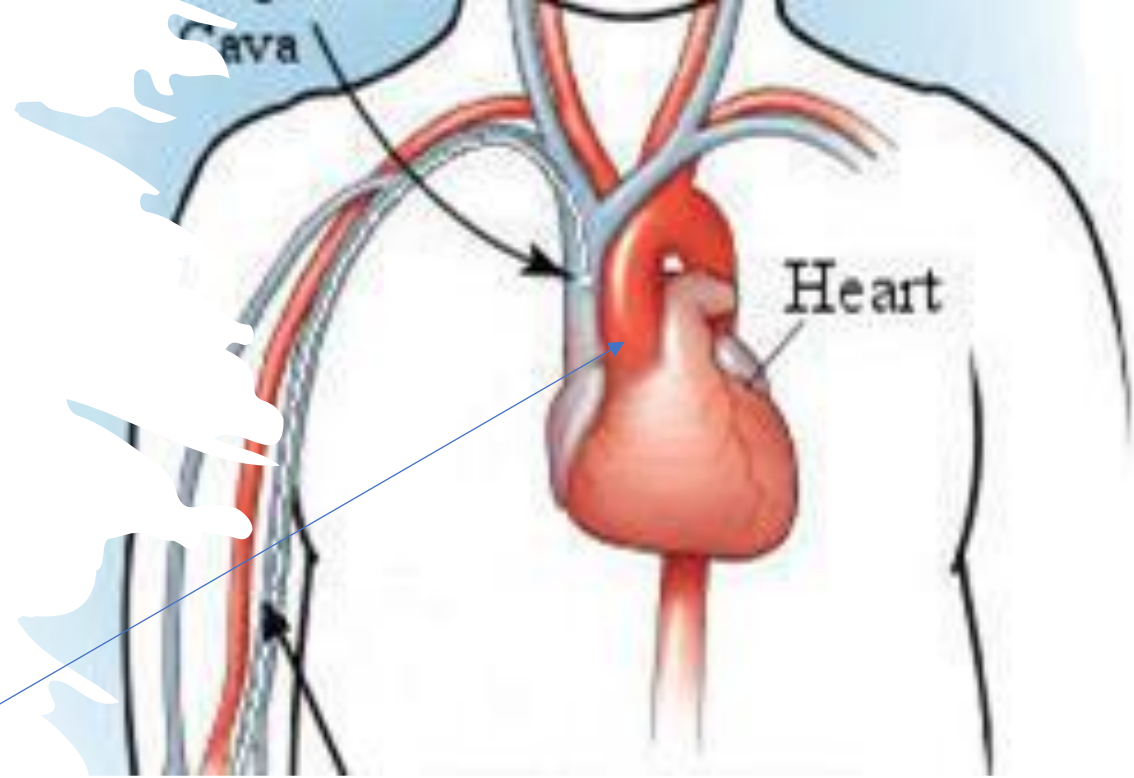
# Watch How God Strengthens Paul's Heart

- The nephew tells the commander about the plot to kill Paul
- The commander called two officers and ordered them to get a detachment ready of two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to take Paul to Felix, the Governor of the region *the same night* for further evaluation, verse 23
- With 470 soldiers against 40 civilians, you do the math!
- When Paul arrived with the huge entourage in Caesarea, Felix ordered him kept under guard at King Herod's official quarters. *"When a man's ways please the Lord...."* Prov. 16:7

**Who Arranged This "Basket Case Deliverance!"**

**No One Else But God!**

# Normal Anatomy



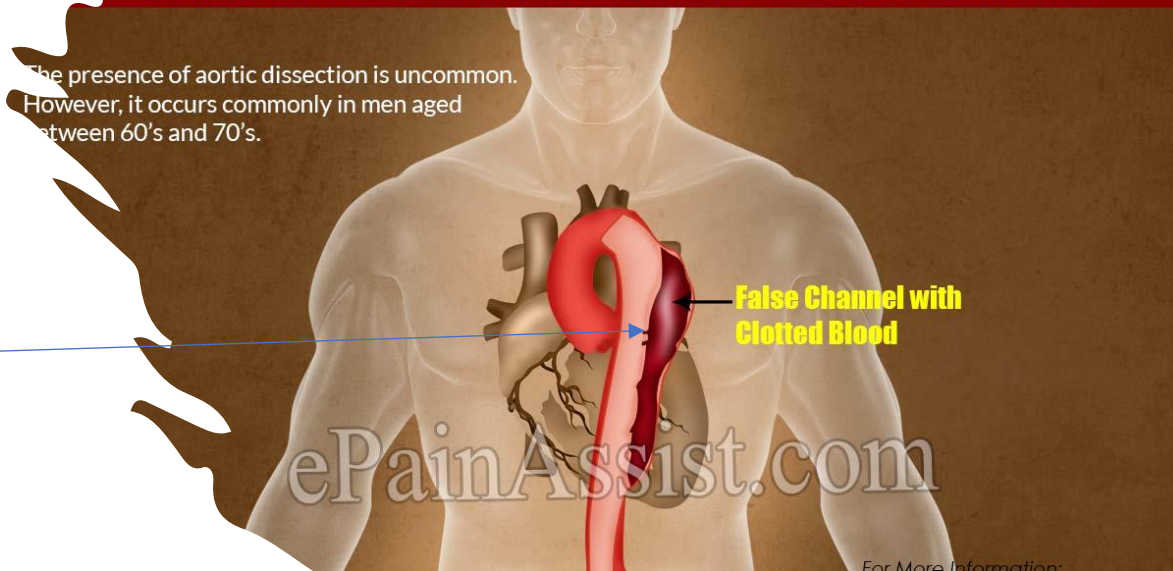
A Personal Story: God and My Basket Case!

## Who Is At Risk For Aortic Dissection?

Aorta

The presence of aortic dissection is uncommon. However, it occurs commonly in men aged between 60's and 70's.

Dissection of the Aorta



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# Symptoms of a Dissecting Aorta

**Chest Pain  
(Severe)**

**Elevated Blood  
Pressure**

**Dizziness**

**Sweating**

**Nausea**

**Vomiting**



# A Personal “Basket Case” Story of Deliverance

- In 1985, my father suffered a “Dissection of the Aorta” in Anniston, Alabama, and was rushed to a local hospital
- This was a medical emergency of the highest order!
- From Anniston, he had to be flown by helicopter, to University Hospital in Birmingham for the Cardiovascular Surgeon to attempt a life-threatening surgery to save him
- I was a University Hospital Physician and prayed for the right surgeon to be on call (each surgeon has an on-call schedule) Remember: University Hospital is a “teaching hospital”
- At U.A.B. they teach surgeons how to be “Cardiothoracic Surgeons”(I needed THE TEACHER to operate on my father!)
- God’s Providence (The timing of the flight, would the aorta rupture first, the surgeon of the night, the on call schedule)



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**Who Arranged This Basket  
Case Deliverance?**

**No One But God!**

**Why Not Serve a God  
Like That!**

***“For the battle is not yours but God’s”***

***2 Chronicles 20:15***

***(Battles of Ridicule, Job loss, Lost Friendships, Being left out of the social circle, Health) Matthew 5:11-12***

# The Plan of Salvation

**Hear the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Believe the Gospel**

**Acts 15:7**

**Repent of Sins**

**Acts 17:30**

**Confess Christ**

**Acts 8:37**

**Be Baptized**

**Acts 8:38**