

Proverbs 24:10 If you fall to pieces in a crisis, there wasn't much to you in the first place. *(The Message)*

When the security of day-to-day life is replaced by uncertainty, people often fall apart; this begins to affect their mental, emotional and physical well-being.

The experience of a crisis is never the problem. The problem is our response and the strategies we use to confront, persist and overcome the crisis

Today, we'll talk about:

Crisis: The Agency for Creativity

- *A Crisis is an unstable condition of extreme danger or difficulty influenced by uncertainty.*
- *Creativity is a strategy for imagining new things and giving new meaning to old ideas.*

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, *(NKJV)*

Even though we experience evidence of a crisis we shouldn't allow this to impact our creativity since, as believers, this ability is God-given.

Creativity originates from our belief system, which sees things before made visible to the natural eye.

2 Corinthians 4:18 There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.
(The Message)

- *We may currently be in a crisis of disruption; but this shouldn't define our lives. Instead, our lives should be defined by our beliefs.*

In Genesis 1, we find the original principles and activities of creativity to overcome chaotic conditions.

- *God's principles are his divine laws, these are essential truths; all other are built from these and this is what our life is governed by.*

God's *creative ability doesn't wait for the perfect moment. ... Ecclesiastes 11:4* If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done. *(The Living Bible)*

Albert Einstein once said, "Creativity is intelligence having fun." (And who is more intelligent than God.)

Isaiah 46:5 "To whom will you liken Me, and make Me equal and compare Me, that we should be alike? *(NKJV)*."

The first introduction we have to God's intelligence of creativity was in Genesis 1; this was an activity – a productive, creative creator.

- *God's creative ability gave us clues of how His response would be on earth during the first crisis.*

Genesis 1:1 When God began creating the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors. *(The Living Bible)*

Notice: *the crisis on earth created a lack of structure, the emptiness of purpose, no vision or direction.*

The first thing we must understand about God is that being creative comes from a spiritual expression that manifests itself in the natural world.

*Verse 3, Genesis 1 says, **Then God said, let there be light.** (God spoke to the chaotic conditions with reproductive words that had creative power to transform chaos into order.)*

- *The power to do anything starts with a faith expression of reproductive words giving life to what we believe internally eventually will manifest in the natural.*

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.
(AMP)

Notice: *this verse tells us that God's Word is a spiritual force governing the natural*

universe; and, when spoken, it produces life or death that shapes our life.

Jesus in John 6:63 says, It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. (NKJV).

God never intended for us to separate the spiritual from the natural; because death levels everything we've done.

- *Humans are the only ones in the universe who have the creative force needed to shape their environments.*

1 Peter 3:10 For the Scriptures say, “If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. (NLT)

- *No other creature has the legal right to speak on this earth except humans.*

Matthew 12:36 Let me tell you something: Every one of these careless words is going to come back to haunt you. There will be a time of Reckoning. Words are powerful; take them seriously. *(The Message)*

Why are words so important on the earth? Because the earth responds to words for change for happen.

In Genesis 1, we find God dealing with the earth crisis by speaking creative words to it.

Notice in: Genesis 1:3–5 God never talks about the earth crisis, rather His focus is on the desired solution.

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. **4.** And God saw the light,

that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. **5.** God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. (NKJV)

Notice: *The emphasis God placed on His Word turned negatives into positives, and problems into solutions.*

Key Principals From These Verses Are:

Our view of problems in life will either paralyze or move us to a problem-solving mindset.

- *To overcome any crisis, we can't focus on what we don't have; our focus should be*

on our creativity to produce what we want out of the crisis.

- *Creative people who change the world, do it the way they see the world.*
- *When we're creative in a crisis, we're qualified to name it afterward.*

Our creativity is only limited based on the things we're surrounded by.

And so, the first creative God-given response to changing any chaotic condition is to increase knowledge.

You cannot solve any crisis in darkness; it must be clearly understood. Light brings clarity to what is hidden in the crisis.

- *Clarity in understanding is the first step to learning anything new.*

*God said to the prophet in **Hosea 4:6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. **NKJV***

God designed the earth environment for continual growth.