Series: IMPROVISE ADAPT OVERCOME
- Pastor Alton Trimble

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Foundation Scripture: I Samuel 25:1-44 (NLT)

I. IMPROVISE:

Keys to Effective Improvisation

1. You must have the right perspective in the crisis.
2. Find your joy; find your strength.
3. Know that this too shall pass.
4. Outlast your tears.
5. Let the peace of God keep you.
6. Know that you are not alone.
7. See what is not apparent.

II. ADAPT/DETERMINED TO WIN NO MATTER THE COST

1. Get determined to win no matter what the cost in the midst of the crisis.
2. Deal expeditiously with the crisis.

I Samuel 25:18a (NLT)
18 Abigail wasted no time.
   a. Prepare yourself so that you don’t become a part of the problem.

I Samuel 25:17 (NLT)
17 You need to know this and figure out what to do, for there is going to be trouble for our master and his whole family. He’s so ill-tempered that no one can even talk to him!”

b. Determine what is needed to deal with the new requirements.

I Samuel 25:18 (NLT)
18 Abigail wasted no time. She quickly gathered 200 loaves of bread, two wineskins full of wine, five sheep that had been slaughtered, nearly a bushel of roasted grain, 100 clusters of raisins, and 200 fig cakes.

c. Enlist the assistance of key people where needed and provide them with needed instruction.

I Samuel 25:19 (NLT)
She packed them on donkeys and said to her servants, “Go on ahead. I will follow you shortly.”
But she didn’t tell her husband Nabal what she was doing.
 Operate on the need to know basis with others.

*I Samuel 25:19* (NLT)

> She packed them on donkeys and said to her servants, “Go on ahead. I will follow you shortly.”
> But she didn’t tell her husband Nabal what she was doing.

3. **You’ve got to face your challenge to fix it.**

*I Samuel 25:20* (NLT)

> 20 As she was riding her donkey into a mountain ravine, she saw David and his men coming toward her.

a. You walk by faith and not by sight.

*II Corinthians 5:7* (NKJV)

> 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

b. See what is not apparent.

*II Corinthians 4:18* (NLT)

> 18 So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

c. Humility is the way to favor.

*I Samuel 25:23* (NLT)

> 23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed low before him.

*James 4:6b* (NLT)

> 6b As the Scriptures say, “God opposes the proud but favors the humble.”

*Proverbs 3:34* (NLT)

> 34 The LORD mocks the mockers but is gracious to the humble.

*I Samuel 25:23* (NLT)

> 23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed low before him.

d. Ask yourself these questions:

1. What’s the origin of my thoughts?
2. Has God ever failed me?
3. Did God promise to meet my needs?
4. Did God give me the Holy spirit to enable me?
5. Is God with me right now?
6. Is anything too hard for God?
7. Where should my focus be?

4. Lead, take charge and accept responsibility.

I Samuel 25:24b (NLT)

24 She fell at his feet and said, “I accept all blame in this matter, my lord. Please listen to what I have to say.

Galatians 6:5 (NIV)

5 For each one should carry their own load.

a. You’ve got to acknowledge your failures to own your success.

1 Timothy 1:15 (NKJV)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

b. Have a divinely inspired word your problems cannot resist.

I Samuel 25:25-31 (NLT)

25 Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him. And as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my lord sent. 26 And now, my lord, as surely as the LORD your God lives and as you live, since the LORD has kept you from bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hands, may your enemies and all who are intent on harming my lord be like Nabal. 27 And let this gift, which your servant has brought to my lord, be given to the men who follow you. 28 “Please forgive your servant’s presumption. The LORD your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the LORD’s battles, and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live. 29 Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my lord will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God, but the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling. 30 When the LORD has fulfilled for my lord every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him ruler over Israel, 31 my lord will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself. And when the LORD your God has brought my lord success, remember your servant.”

Jeremiah 5:14 (NIV)

Therefore this is what the LORD God Almighty says: “Because the people have spoken these words, I will make my words in your mouth a fire and these people the wood it consumes.
Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)
For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

c. Watch your enemies praise God for you.

I Samuel 25:32 (NLT)
32 David replied to Abigail, “Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you to meet me today!

Psalm 126:6 (NLT)
They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.

III. OVERCOME

I John 5: 1-5 (NKJV)
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Note: The distinction or station or standing or state of the believer:

1. He or she comes from a class of individuals commonly known as the “whoever”.

I John 5:1 (NKJV)
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

A. “Whoever” (G) Pas = every; all. It can mean the individual within the totality and the totality of the totality of the individuals.

Joel 2:32 (NKJV)
And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

Luke 12:8 (NKJV)
Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.
2. While an action is required as a step toward the distinctive, the effect which is the distinction must point to the cause of the distinction.

B. I John 5:1 – “Believes”

Romans 15:13 (ESV)  
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Acts 16:31 (ESV)  
And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

Psalm 112:7 (ESV)  
He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

Mark 5:36 (ESV)  
But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”

Psalm 28:7 (NLT)  
The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)  
And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Psalm 91:1-16 (NLT)  
Isaiah 54:17 (NLT)  
But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed. You will silence every voice raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the LORD; their vindication will come from me. I, the LORD, have spoken!

Galatians 3:6-9 (NLT)  
In the same way, “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God. What’s more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would declare the Gentiles to be righteous because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, “All nations will be blessed through you.” So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.
II Kings 5:13-15 (NLT)
But his officers tried to reason with him and said, “Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn’t you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, ‘Go and wash and be cured!’” 14 So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed! 15 Then Naaman and his entire party went back to find the man of God. They stood before him, and Naaman said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.”

C. I John 5:1a-c: “That”
I John 5:1a-c (NKJV)
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

Acts 10:38 (NKJV)
How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.