

Chapter One

Times of Desperation

- Your Child or Spouse Dies
- Stage IV Cancer Diagnosis
- AIDS
- Creditors Calling
- Can't Pay your Bills
- Sued in Court
- Bankruptcy
- No Flood Insurance
- Evicted by Landlord
- Swindled out of your Retirement Savings
- Fired from your Job
- Identity Theft

“Another Death”, “Another Bankruptcy”, “Another Mass Shooting”, “Another Terrorist Attack”, “Another Child Abducted”, “Another Young Man Snatched by Drugs and Gangs”, and “Another Prominent Leader falls to Corruption”; sadly, far too often, these headlines are a familiar part of our daily lives.

Anytime you hear of these acts of evil, it tears your heart out. However, it's much more weighty and personal when you are the one confronted with one or more of these atrocities.

From the outset of the conflict, you knew that this would be the mother of all battles. The *hurt* and *loss* alone can drive a person insane; yet you were determined to beat this *thing*. You knew your life would never be the same, but this would be your new beginning ... your chance to start over.

However, that was years ago, and since then the situation has escalated a thousand fold. Now you can only bow your head in shame as you remember that on more than one occasion you have considered giving up ... after all, who cares?

The irony of the situation is that the person in the mirror is the one who led family, friends, work associates, schools and even churches to safety and solitude in the midst of these same situations – what a tragic turn of events!



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