

# RESCUING OTHERS: DOES IT EVER INTERFERE?

## A Small Group Study

**NOTE:** The following is an outline for a small group leader to use with this study.

### **Introduction:**

Christians are to show love, compassion, lay our lives down as Christ did, be servants etc. However, this leads us to a question for us to consider in our study.

### **Question:**

Is it possible for us as Christians to “jump the gun” as far as helping someone or “fixing a fix” in regards to struggles and trials another may be experiencing?

Do you think it is possible (unknowingly) that we may interfere with what God may be desiring to accomplish in another’s life?

(Allow discussion of these questions)

### **Looking Into the Word:**

Let’s look at a few Scriptures regarding what God’s Word says about trials. (The following Scripture references can be used to start the discussion. As you look at these references, have your group members look at them in reference to the main question previously proposed. Also discuss what might be some types of struggles or trials people encounter (or some personal experiences from your members) in relation to these references).

1. To purify our faith: Malachi 3:3, 4 (heat required)
2. Testing of our faith: 1 Peter 1:6-9
3. Increase patience: James 1:3, 4, 12
4. To bring us to a better place: Psalm 66:10-12
5. To chasten us: Isaiah 48:10

### **Applications from the Word:**

Look at some examples of trials/struggles in people’s lives. As you look at the following three examples, consider what might have occurred if someone unknowingly stepped in to “fix the fix.”

1. Job
2. Abraham – the sacrifice of Isaac: Genesis 22:1-18
3. Paul: 2 Corinthians 1:8-10

What was the outcome of these trials in their lives?

### **Bringing it Home to Us:**

1. How do we determine if we step into another’s struggle or not? What factors are there to consider? (Bring in the factor of discernment and prayer and how this works.)
2. If we are not to interfere in what God may be doing, do we just ignore the situation or what can we do without “fixing the fix?”
3. Can you give any Scripture references based upon your answers?

Some references you can refer to on encouraging one another are below. Add to these as you have time or give some parts of this study as an assignment for future discussions on this topic.

Hebrews 10:24, 25

Hebrews 3:13

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (list some practical ways to do this)

Romans 14:19

A hand-out sheet follows if you want to use this for your group. Feel free to print the number of copies you need.

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