

# **When Disaster Strikes**

## ***How to Respond to a National Calamity***



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**1. Reject** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Reevaluate** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Redouble** \_\_\_\_\_

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe your initial reaction and the feelings evoked the morning you learned of the disaster in New York City and Washington D.C.

How did your reaction shift as the week wore on?

2. What aspects of your reaction to these events do you recognize to be unbiblical?

Confess to God any unbiblical attitudes you have harbored or expressed. Write out a prayer asking God to govern your feelings and responses to this tragedy.

3. If you know anyone who has been directly impacted by this calamity, make a thoughtful list of things that you can do to convey the compassion of Christ to them.
4. In what way does this event motivate you to make adjustments to your life?
5. List three names of people you know who need to lovingly and intelligently hear how to repent of their sins and put their trust in Christ. Begin praying for these three people and ask God to give you an opportunity to share the gospel with them this week.

*Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Is. 37-38 & 2 Cor. 2*

**Monday**

*Is. 39-40 & 2 Cor. 3*

**Tuesday**

*Is. 41-42 & 2 Cor. 4*

**Wednesday**

*Is. 43-44 & 2 Cor. 5*

**Thursday**

*Is. 45-46 & 2 Cor. 6*

**Friday**

*Is. 47-48 & 2 Cor. 7*

**Saturday**

*Is. 49-50 & 2 Cor. 8*

*Here are some books that may prove helpful in your further study of biblical forms of parental correction.*

Adams, Jay. **Christian Living in the Home**. Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R Publishing, 1989.

\_\_\_\_\_. **The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self Image**. Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 1986. *(While this book is not specifically about parenting, an understanding of this topic is essential amid the morass of parenting tips, trends and philosophies that are erroneously based on the idea of bolstering a child's self-esteem.)*

Dobson, James. **The New Dare to Discipline**. Wheaton: Tyndale House, 1992. *(Use discernment while reading this work. It is useful for understanding parental correction, but at points it fails to analyze children from a biblical perspective.)*

Gangel, Kenn and Betty Gangel. **Your Family: Biblical Solutions for Raising Children**. Gresham, OR: Vision House Publishing, 1995.

Mack, Wayne. **Your Family, God's Way**. Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R Publishing, 1991.

Priolo, Lou. **Teach Them Diligently**. Woodruff, SC: Timeless Texts, 2000.

Ray, Bruce. **Withhold Not Correction**. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1978.

Tripp, Tedd. **Shepherding a Child's Heart**. Wapwallopen, PA: Shepherd Press, 1995.