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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is: **The Potholes Of Life**

In all the years I've lived and worked, entertaining in hotels, restaurants, piano bars and music events like weddings and parties, I've met many people who have shared with me stories of their lives. Men and women who were raising children by themselves, like I was doing. Other people I met, who were trying to make the best of their failed relationships. Some were trying to find their new life after enduring abusive parents and step-parents. Many were trying to get past the death of loved ones and some were trying to decide how to handle the care of their older family members.

There was a mix of people who had faith in God and others did not want anything to do with religion. I heard about a man at a baptism who came up out of the water and was excited about

having a sense of peace proclaiming, **“Now I won’t have to worry about being tested anymore!”** And the pastor said, **“For that to happen, I would have to hold you under water a little longer.”**

Jesus said, **“Come to me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”** [Matthew, Chapter 11: 28]

Sometimes it seems like we are traveling down a road that has too many potholes, some small and some bigger. And depending on its size and depth, it can cause much damage to our transportation.

Then there are the sinkholes where whole streets have caved in and you can see maybe a couple of vehicles, down in the caved in holes.

I have seen people who have experienced **“life’s potholes”** and they have stopped living because of the damage. They in turn may have caused hard times for their mates, their children, their loved ones and friends. But I have been able to share what the Lord God has given me. Sometimes a song; other times a funny story or a joke that brings home a truth about what happens to everyone of us in this life!

There are many situations that happen to us that we don’t have answers for; like **why someone died!** Instead of trying to give an answer to someone feeling grief, the best answer I ever found was, **“I don’t know”**. And the problem is, **that is the truth!** None of us know, only God knows.

From the **book of Isaiah, Chapter 55: verses 8-9, God says, “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways”, declares the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts”.**

The singer-songwriter Paul Simon puts it differently in a song titled “Slip-sliding Away”.

“God only knows, and God makes His plan.

The information is unavailable to the mortal man.”

Other situations that have brought us pain in our lives have come from our own making. ***Do we create our own “hell”? Yes!***

When we decide we can handle a little drinking; dating with a little sexual activity involved; a hit of a drug to make us high; or by participating in money deals that are questionable; enjoying the casinos and gambling or even spending what little money we have on lotto, scratchers and other games to get us out of debt. ***So when we decide we can handle a little sin, we become slaves of those things.***

- Soon those things start to destroy our lives. They become the potholes in our lives because we didn’t know . . .
- We could become alcoholics, we had no idea we were going to drink and drive and maybe kill a person or a family!
- We didn’t think we could ruin a loving relationship with our wife or husband and devastate the children!

- We didn't think we would get pregnant and have to make a choice of raising a child out wedlock or choosing to abort!
- We didn't think we would graduate from a simple drug to one that would ruin our mind and body and maybe kill us!
- We didn't think we would be the butt of somebody's financial scheme or bet our family's lives away and end up in shameless debt!

In the end, are we going to try to blame God for these things that happened to us? **WE DID THEM!**

Let me say here that God, through Jesus Christ, will forgive your sins and help you get your life straightened out, but you will still have to deal with the consequences of your sin.

An example of this is the story of King David, found In the **Old Testament, the book of Samuel, Chapter 11**, when David committed adultery with one of his soldier's wives and got her pregnant and eventually had the soldier killed in battle and married his wife.

The Lord confronted him; David was devastated and was prepared to die! **The Lord forgave David's sin** but told him, **"I will raise up evil against you and the sword shall never depart from your house."** His consequences were his children turned against him and tried to kill him and David was publicly shamed. He had brought **"Hell"** to the rest of his life.

It seems to me that recovering from the damage you can receive after driving over a pothole or having your car fall into a sinkhole is easier to get your life back on track than trying to come back from ***the damage you can do to yourself from the sin you choose to play with.***

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given ***His Son Jesus, the good shepherd*** to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, **19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.**

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, **which will help you to strengthen your faith in God.** And now I have just added these ***Bible Seeds***: my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the **PDFs** for ***Storyline Of The Bible*** and ***Quotes and Stories from Jesus.*** You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: www.carlvasta.com Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

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