

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

God's Faithfulness in Times of Trouble

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1. Do you truly believe that if you have Christ, you can experience freedom, fullness, and fruitfulness in Christ? Why or why not?
2. How does meditating on the goodness of God encourage you to give Him thanks?
3. How has God shown His covenant-keeping love to you?
4. How does thinking about what God has done for you in the past help to give you hope in difficult circumstances?
5. Can you identify with any of the four descriptions of human need—lost, in prison, sick, or storm tossed? How does this psalm give you hope in those situations?
6. Nancy said, “If God tells you to do something, by His grace you can do it.” Do you agree? How have you seen this to be true?
7. What circumstances has God allowed that have brought you to your wit's end? How did it cause you to turn to Him?
8. How do painful circumstances help us learn to pray best?
9. Nancy said anything that makes us need God is a blessing. Has this been true in your life? How so?
10. What encouragement do you find in this psalm to keep crying out to the Lord, even if you don't get an answer?
11. Why can we always find reasons to give thanks to God, no matter what our circumstances?
12. What can you stop and praise Him for right now?
13. How can you practically choose to believe that God is good even through trials and difficulties?
14. Why is it important that we let go of the prodigals in our lives and let God do whatever is necessary to make them desperate for Him? Is there someone you need to do that for today?
15. How has God brought fruitfulness out of your past affliction?

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16. Nancy defined joy as “the presence of Christ with me, in me, and through me in the midst of the storm and the pain.” Have you experienced that joy? How so? If not, how can you seek it both now and in the future?
17. How can you make crying out to the Lord a regular part of your life?