

TRUSTWORTHY REMINDERS

IN THE MIDST OF PERSONAL TRIALS

1. God MEETS us in our fears and anxiety and WALKS every step with us; we are never ALONE. (Luke 24:13-35; Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20; Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:5,9; John 14:16,27; 1 Chronicles 28:20; Psalm 27:10; Hebrews 13:5,6; Romans 8:35-39)
2. God is always MANY STEPS ahead of us, orchestrating and overseeing every DETAIL. (Deuteronomy 31:8; Psalm 136:16, 139:5; John 14:3; Mark 10:32; Matthew 26:32; Psalm 37:23-25; Matthew 10:29)
3. God is in life's DELAYS. What might seem like a setback is more than likely an OPPORTUNITY. (Luke 8:40-56; John 9:1-5,6; 2 Peter 3:8-9; Ecclesiastes 3:1,11; Psalm 27:14, 31:15; Galatians 6:9; Acts 16:6)
4. Every single one of us is DESPERATE, fragile, and NEVER in CONTROL. (Luke 8:40-56; Isaiah 55:8-9; 2 Corinthians 4:7; James 4:14; Daniel 4:35; Proverbs 21:30; Job 14:5)
5. There is so much POWER in PRAYER. (James 5:13-16; Philippians 4:6-7; Psalm 107:28-30; John 14:13-14; Matthew 7:7)
6. God ALLOWS personal trials to increase our COMPASSION for others who are enduring similar struggles. (2 Corinthians 1:3-7; James 1:2-4; Genesis 50:20; Isaiah 53:3; Hebrews 4:14-16)
7. There is immense value in hiding God's WORD (and SONGS of praise to Him) in our hearts. (Colossians 3:16; Psalm 1:1-2; Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 119:11; Psalm 42:8; Acts 16:25)
8. There are times and seasons where REST is what's BEST. (Mark 6:30-32; Luke 4:1-2; Matthew 14:1-13; Luke 6:12-13, 22:39-44, 5:16)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Jesus (the Holy Spirit) is WITH us during trials, and He goes before us to orchestrate and oversee our journey. Looking back on a trial or circumstance or situation you have walked through, in what ways did God go before you and uphold you along the way (ways that you didn't see until after it was over?)
3. One of the many reasons people reject God is because they believe they are in control, have it all together, and simply don't need Him. Was there ever a time in your life when you thought this way? What would you share with someone who thinks this way?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-6. Corresponding with point 6 from Sunday, Paul indicates that we are better prepared to minister to and offer comfort to others if we ourselves have gone through affliction and been comforted by God. In what ways did Jesus set this example for us? (Reference some Scripture verses.) When have you experienced this truth in your life?
5. Share a verse of Scripture and/or a line from a praise song (preferable and :) that God has brought to your mind at just the right moment(s). What time stands out to you the most?
6. We can often get sidetracked or distracted by fear of circumstances, worry about what we are to do, doubt of the outcome, a questioning of God's will, frustration over delays - on and on. How are these issues a part of spiritual warfare? How are we supposed to live in times like these? (Share some practical tips with one another.)