

Disappointment

Have you ever been disappointed? HA! Trick question! We all have. From the time we are small children. Disappointment is ... well, disappointing. It's not good, but it's not the worst. So much stuff going on around us, things don't always work out the way we hoped. I know all of the "things". Things like, "God is in control." "Things will be good in the end, if they are not good, it's not the end". But it doesn't make disappointment less disappointing at the time. Sometimes it seems like it's one disappointment after another. "Hey God! It's me down here, are you sleeping?" God can do anything!! But is He listening? Some days we have questions. What is going on is not good, it doesn't make sense. But amid all of the questions we start to remember. God is REAL! God is in control! God has a plan! God is with us! God is for us! God holds us in the palm of His hand and never lets us go. Disappointment? We get over it! God never promised us a rose garden. Besides, even roses have thorns.

Are you in a waiting period? Are you waiting on God to move in your life? I recently heard someone say "If you feel you are in a waiting period, do what waiters do. Serve." In the long cold, gloomy winter months I can have trouble with getting down. Not exactly depression but not my usual happy self. I found one year that someone we knew needed meals brought to them as the wife was ill. I started bringing them dinner and found that having a purpose like that, something to keep my hands and mind busy, was just what I needed. It took me out of "myself", so I stopped dwelling on what was "icky" in my life, and made me thankful that I didn't need meals brought in. As I write this, it is a very gloomy day. Cloudy, cold for May and I am rejoicing because God is good. ALL the time, even if we do not see it some days. Praise music on the radio helps! Psalm 22:3 says that God inhabits the praises of His people. If the stars were made to worship, then I will worship too.

Romans 5:8: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Can you imagine a love that would sacrifice in this way for sinners? I can see making a sacrifice for perfect people, but we were not. No one was or is. We all fall short of the glory of God. Life can be a challenge, but when things get rough, remember the one who parted the sea, TWICE! He dropped the walls of Jericho as they marched around it. He kept the hungry lions' mouths closed for Daniel. He kept Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from burning in the

fiery furnace. He is a God who can and will be there for us when we need Him. This world can be hard, but this is not our home! One day we will be in heaven with Him! There will be no more hard days. No more stress, pain or tears. Thank you Jesus for what you did for us on the cross so that we have the promise of salvation. Amen.

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