

Summer at New Heights
When God Doesn't Make Sense
May 25/26, 2019

1. Worship is an exchange of positions.

Psalms 40:1-3, "I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. **He lifted me out of the pit of despair**, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. **Many will see what he has done and be amazed**. They will put their trust in the Lord."

Psalms 40:11-12 "Lord, don't hold back your tender mercies from me. Let your unfailing love and faithfulness always protect me. For troubles surround me—too many to count. My sins pile up so high **I can't see my way out**. They outnumber the hairs on my head. I have lost all courage."

Psalms 40:16 "But may all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you, May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, **"The Lord is great!"**

2. God's delays are not always God's denials.

John 11: 4-7 "So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." So **although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**, he stayed where he was for the next **two days**. Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

Luke 11:32 "When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, **if only** you had been here, my brother would not have died."

3. A waiting season does not have to be a wasted season.

Genesis 39:3 "Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did."

Genesis 39:21 "But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden."

Genesis 41:14 "Pharaoh sent for Joseph at once, and he was quickly brought from the prison. After he shaved and changed his clothes, he went in and stood before Pharaoh."

4. Prayer isn't just about asking, but about trusting.

Daniel 3: 16-18 "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

Walk Away: When God doesn't make sense, don't stop!

Upcoming Events:

- + Our Life Group Directory Launches this weekend! Join a Summer Life Group and get connected this summer! Sign up online or in the foyer.
- + Parent Meeting for students going in to 6th grade next year - June 1st/2nd after each service in the conference room
- + June 1st/2nd after each service – Water Baptism! Sign up at the Info Center or online.
- + Kids Summer Blast – June 11th-13th 9am-12pm. For kids going in to K-6th grade. \$15 per child. Sign up online!
- + Serve Day – July 13th.