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bigIdea

God is involved in the events of our lives – both providentially and specifically. Hard times don't remove God's promises, harsh treatment doesn't escape God's attention, and heavy tests don't overshadow God's concern.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you sometimes think of luck or chance as causing events that happen in your life? If you ever feel that way, does it increase or decrease your anxiety about the future?
2. Now think about some events that you have attributed to luck or good fortune in the past. How would thinking about those events as under the wise and loving heavenly Father change the way you feel about them or about the future?
3. *Read Exodus 1 and Exodus 2:1-10.* What amazes you or impresses you about this story?
4. How do you see God at work providentially or behind the scenes in these events of this story as they unfold? Was Moses just lucky or were these events orchestrated by a loving heavenly Father?
5. Do you ever fall into a pattern of little “superstitious” actions or rituals that you think will bring good luck or prevent bad luck (such as not walking under a ladder, being afraid when a black cat walks across your path, not stepping on cracks in a sidewalk, carrying a certain item just for good luck, etc.)? Do you think those actions tend to increase or decrease your trust in God during the day and your obedience to him?
6. *Read Romans 8:28-39.* What comfort do you receive from these verses? Are there any promises in these verses you need to remember or memorize in relation to God's involvement in our lives?

Chris said, “It's easy for us to ask the ‘why God’ question, but *Why* isn't the most fundamental question when it comes to suffering.” Because even if we knew the answers to the why questions, they would just bring more questions. If we focus on *why* questions, we'll lose momentum and get stuck with our relationship with God. The more important question is *Who*. *Who* will we trust in the calamities and challenges of life? *Who* will we turn to in the reality of our pain? *Who* is worthy of our trust?

7. Are there difficulties or hardships in your life at this time? Give an example of a specific difficulty that you are now facing and explain how the truth that God is involved in the events of our lives both big and small will help you in the way you think about it.

MOVING FORWARD

Maybe there is no greater amazement than when God works not through the miraculous but through the mundane, normal details of our lives. He is always there, behind the scenes, working His plan. When you haven't seen Him for a while, know that He is going to make a grand appearance! We have asked, “Where is God in the beginning story of Moses?”, but now ask yourself, “Where is God in your story?” Is He even there? Have you banished Him to the sidelines of your life? Or have you allowed Him to be smack-dab in the middle of the miracles and the mundane of your life?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Romans 8:28-29

