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God's promises will always outstretch your problems.

No matter how remote you feel, God will always respond.

'And God' makes all the difference.

Problems are not the end for God's people — promises are.

What now? TRUST through the trial.

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Trust God with expectancy

Trust God with patience

Group Discussion Guide

- Have you ever found yourself in a place you didn't expect? Share the story.
- Have you ever felt as though God had abandoned you?
- Describe what your life might be like and how you might feel as an Israelite during this time.
- What might you be thinking about God?
- Can you share a way in which God worked through you even while you were in a difficult situation?
- Choose a few of the following to read: **Ps 18:6; 22:5; 34:15; 40:1; 145:19**. What do they tell you about how God hears the cries of His people? How does He respond?
- Why is it significant that God hears your cry and sees your situation?
- How does God act differently than the gods of other religions?
- Why is it significant that God acts according to His covenant and not according to anything you can do?
- How will the truths of this passage affect your upcoming week?
- **PRAY** for God to work his plan through you no matter your situation this week.
- **PRAY** this lesson will make enough of a difference in your life that those who need Jesus will notice.

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