

We Believe
God is Good

Anchored Week 4— Personal God

- If we are to live anchored in God's truth we must come to understand that God is good and He is intimately caring for us in the details of our lives.

- What shakes our faith in the goodness of our God? Certainly it is the not-good circumstances we see all around us in the headlines of abuses and wars, the destructive power of nature, and the fallen nature of humanity including our own hearts.

- You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!...

How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

Psalm 139: 5-6; 17-18

- 6 “What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. 7 And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

Luke 12:6-7

- Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.

1 Peter 5:7

- Oh taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him!

Psalm 34:8

- Don't believe following Jesus is or will be easy and comfortable and life will make perfect sense, for God will tell us hard truths about ourselves, show severe mercy at times to purify us and allow us to navigate seasons of suffering as sermons of His grace to the world.

- Remember Joseph was sold to slavery by his own jealous brothers and held in prison. He was falsely accused, forgotten by others, and left alone in Egyptian bondage. Yet when he measured his life he saw God's goodness through it all.

- 19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Genesis 50:19-20

- So God calls us to believe that He is good and that He is actively caring for us in the details of our lives. Although there are threats to our trust in His goodness we must never fall to them for God is our refuge and strength and He will weave good from our lives despite the evil intentions of others. Trust in the goodness of our God— for you— right now!

- God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purposes for them...

Romans 8:29