



# God's Presence in the Midst of Trials

**May 26, 2024**



**LAS LOMAS COMMUNITY CHURCH  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY  
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**Before the Bible study,**

- Please watch/listen to last Sunday's message at [laslomascc.com/media](http://laslomascc.com/media)

**What's one thing about this week's message that stood out to you as something you needed to hear OR a question you had about the message?**

**QUESTION**

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## **MAIN POINTS FROM THE SERMON**

- *GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WATERS*
- *GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE RIVERS*
- *GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE FIRE*

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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## **God's Presence in the Waters**

- What emotions do you think the Israelites experienced when they saw the Egyptian army behind them and the Red Sea in front of them?
- How did the Israelites' initial reaction of complaint reflect their faith and trust in God at that moment?
- Can you share a time when you felt trapped between a difficult situation and a promise from God? How did you respond?
- How do you see the parallel between the Israelites' journey from slavery to freedom and a believer's journey from sin to salvation?

## **God's Presence in the Rivers**

- What stands out to you about the priests' act of faith when they stepped into the flooded Jordan River?
- Can you relate to any of the "rivers of trouble" mentioned (financial crisis, health challenges, relationship struggles, etc.)? How did God show up for you in those situations?

## **God's Presence in the Fire**

- What is significant about the fourth figure in the fiery furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
- Have you faced any "fiery trials" in your life? How did you sense God's presence and protection during those times?

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# LIVING IT OUT

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This week, as you meditate on Isaiah 43:2, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas you need to focus on when it comes to trials. The following are steps to help you:

- **Trust God Daily**: This week, whenever you face a challenge, take a moment to pray and remind yourself of God's promise to be with you. Write down one scripture that encourages you and carry it with you.
- **Step Out in Faith**: Identify one area of your life where you need to step out in faith. Take a practical step this week, trusting that God will meet you there.
- **Support Each Other**: Partner with someone in the church to pray for each other's specific "rivers" and "fires." Check in with each other throughout the week for support and encouragement.
- **Reflect on Past Victories**: Spend some time reflecting on past instances where God has made a way for you. Write down these testimonies and share one with the group next week to encourage others.



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