

Men's One Day group discussion questions: Session 2 – Born to Adversity

1. Remember God is in Control:

- a. Like Jephthah, do we have prior things in our lives that we had no control over? (He was born to a Harlot) If so, what were they, and how did they affect our general behavior, attitudes, and belief in God?
- b. How did God speak to you, and help you overcome the things that you had no control over?
- c. Looking back, when facing the outcome of the events you had no control over, do you now see that God was with you during these times? If so, explain how?

2. Remember to trust God:

- a. What does the word “trust” mean to you as it relates to trusting other people? How would you describe that?
- b. Now, in contrast, what does the word “trust” mean to you when talking about trusting God? What is the difference?
- c. Being honest, how much of your life do you really trust God with... 5%, 25%, 50%, 80%...etc and how much do you put your trust in yourself with?
- d. What prevents you from turning over all of your trust in God? How should you overcome that lack of trust in God?

3. Don't bring adversity on yourself:

- a. What are some things that we can do that will bring adversity on ourselves?
- b. Jephthah made a mistake by attempting to bargain with God. Have you ever bargained with people? When did you do that and for what results?
- c. What does it mean to “bargain with God”? Name the different ways you or people attempt to bargain with God?
- d. What is the motivation of those who bargain with God?
- e. Ultimately, what happens to your faith and obedience when you bargain with God to have a prayer answered? What then do you expect from God when bargaining? What should you really expect from God?

4. If additional time is left, get in group prayer, or pray for the men in the group.