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Hannah's Faith
May 8, 2022

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- 2) Prayer is more about our HEART language than our BODY language
- 3) Biblical faith means trusting God with our SITUATION regardless of the OUTCOME.

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- 4) Earthly BLESSINGS do not equate to God's APPROVAL
- 5) Earthly HARDSHIPS do not equate to God's DISAPPROVAL
- 6) Your FEELINGS cannot determine whether you are right in God's eyes!
- 7) His grace is SUFFICIENT

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 - "[7] And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. [8] Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. [9] And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10] Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

When God chooses *not* to rescue us from our burdens or suffering, why is His grace still enough?

Think about your greatest fears in life. If God allows those fears to come true, is His grace for you still enough? Is God still worthy to be your LORD and Savior? Why or why not?

7) Looking back at your notes and homework, what do you most need to remember or put into practice?

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for the persecuted church in Nigeria.
- ▶
- ▶

Life Group Homework For the week of May 8, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we learned how people might mistake God's view of them by focusing on blessings, hardships, or feelings. How has *your* understanding of God's view of you changed over time? Were there any specific experiences that changed your understanding?

REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) Read the following passage about Jesus and the disciples.

Mark 4:35-41 - "[35] On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." [36] Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. [37] And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. [38] But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" [39] Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. [40] But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How [is it] that you have no faith?" [41] And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!""

What stands out to you or confuses you in this passage?

What do you think you would have done if you were one of the disciples?

Why do you think Jesus rebuked the disciples?

Initially, who/what were the disciples trusting in to cross the body of water?

What does this passage teach you about God?

How does this passage challenge you?

- 4) In the time of the Judges (leading up to 1 Samuel), the Israelites often allowed God's blessings to distract them from obeying God. Read the following quote.

The great difficulty spiritually is to concentrate on God, and it is His blessings that make it difficult. Troubles nearly always make us look to God; His blessings are apt to make us look elsewhere. - Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest

Do you agree or disagree? Why?

- 5) Read the following Psalm below. (Read the full Psalm in your Bible for extra credit!)

Psalm 73 (Several verses throughout) - "[1] A Psalm of Asaph. Truly God [is] good to Israel, To such as are pure in

heart. [2] But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. [3] For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked. [4] For there are no pangs in their death, But their strength is firm. [5] They are not in trouble as other men, Nor are they plagued like other men. ... [13] Surely I have cleansed my heart in vain, And washed my hands in innocence. [14] For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning. ... [16] When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me-- [17] Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end. ... [25] Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. [26] My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

How would you summarize this passage in your own words?

Can you relate to Asaph, the author, in any way? If so, how?

What does this Psalm teach you?

What can you do to stay strong in your faith, even when it seems like the righteous suffer while the unrighteous are blessed?

TAKING IT HOME

- 6) Read Paul's words on the next page of what he did in the midst of suffering. (*We don't know exactly what the "thorn" in his side was, but perhaps it was a health issue*)