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February 5, 2023 - Pastor Jarrod Stueve

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is _____

2) Three Truths about the Bible: It is...

- ... _____ by God (It came from God)
- ... _____ (Permanent, cannot be broken)
- ... _____ in it's original text (w/o error)

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- b) _____ the LORD
- c) Do _____ you _____
- d) _____
- e) Surrender the _____

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1) The most valuable characteristic, in myself and others,
is GODLINESS

2) Three Truths about the Bible: It is...

- ... INSPIRED by God (It came from God)
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3) Trying to manipulate God is IDOLATRY in the heart.

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4) LORDSHIP means obeying and following Jesus
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Verses 30-37 What to Do When Life Falls Apart

Psalm 41:9 NLT Psalm 55:12-14 NLT Psalm 55:2-7

- a) Put yourself LAST
- b) WORSHIP the LORD
- c) Do WHAT you CAN
- d) PRAY
- e) Surrender the OUTCOME

each day the LORD pours his unfailing love upon me, and through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life. [9] "O God my rock," I cry, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I wander around in grief, oppressed by my enemies?" [10] Their taunts break my bones. They scoff, "Where is this God of yours?" [11] Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again--my Savior and my God!"

Why do you think this unknown psalmist asked such pointed questions to God?

Why do you think they questioned themselves?

What does this psalm reveal about the writer's heart?

APPLICATION FOR TODAY

10) What do *your* prayers reveal about your heart?

11) What do you most need to apply or remember from this week's message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of February 5, 2023

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1) When you were growing up, how did you deal with stress or fear? What did you seek refuge in?

REVIEW

2) In your own words, what happened in 2 Samuel 15?

3) What stood out to you from this week's message? What questions did you have?

DIGGING DEEPER

4) As we read about Absalom's murder of his brother, Amnon, and his treason against David - do you think it's possible that Absalom believed he was *right* and *godly* for doing these things? Why or why not?

Jeremiah 17:9 says, "*The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?*" If you were a friend of Absalom's, what might you say to help him love and obey God?

5) A.W. Tozer says in his book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*: "*The essence of idolatry is the entertainment of thoughts about God that are unworthy of Him. It begins in the mind and may be present where no overt act of worship has taken place. ... Wrong ideas about God are not only the fountain*

from which the polluted waters of idolatry flow; they are themselves idolatrous. The idolater simply imagines things about God and acts as if they were true."

Why do you think idolatry is such a big deal to God?

6) What do the following passages teach us about idolatry?

Matthew 22:37 - *"Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."*

Genesis 3:5 - *"For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

What are some indications that we're committing idolatry - either externally or in our heart/mind?

7) After God rescued the Israelites out of Egypt, while Moses was meeting with the LORD, the people made an idol of a golden calf to worship. They even claimed *it* was who delivered them! Read what Moses did in response.

Exodus 32:20 - *"Then he took the calf which they had made, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder; and he scattered it on the water and made the children of Israel drink it."*

Why do you think Moses did this? What point do you think he was trying to make?

8) What stands out to you from the following Psalm?

Psalms 3:1-8 - *"[1] A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son. LORD, how they have increased who trouble me! Many are they who rise up against me. [2] Many*

are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Selah [3] But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. [4] I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill. Selah [5] I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me. [6] I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around. [7] Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. [8] Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah"

What do you think David means in verse 3?

What is a worship song or verse that helps you trust God amidst a difficult situation?

9) What stands out to you from the following Psalm?

Psalms 42:1-11 NLT - *"[1] For the choir director: A psalm of the descendants of Korah. As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. [2] I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him? [3] Day and night I have only tears for food, while my enemies continually taunt me, saying, "Where is this God of yours?" [4] My heart is breaking as I remember how it used to be: I walked among the crowds of worshipers, leading a great procession to the house of God, singing for joy and giving thanks amid the sound of a great celebration! [5] Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again--my Savior and [6] my God! Now I am deeply discouraged, but I will remember you--even from distant Mount Hermon, the source of the Jordan, from the land of Mount Mizar. [7] I hear the tumult of the raging seas as your waves and surging tides sweep over me. [8] But*