

FORGIVE

DEALING WITH THE HURTS WE CAN'T CONTROL

What do we do when we feel like God isn't listening or doesn't care about what we are dealing with?

We remember:

- Sin (not God) is the source of hurt and suffering in the world.
- God is bigger, smarter and more aware of anything we will ever face in life.

Psalm 13 models a three part response to the suffering and hurt we will face in this life:

- v1-2: Lament - recognize the hurt
- v3-4: Petition - request the help
- v5-6: Praise - remember God's glory

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Hebrews 12:7-11

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Luke 10:21-24

²¹ In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²² All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." ²³ Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."