

LESSON 2: God is True – Study Guide & Discussion Questions

Lesson Overview: When it comes down to it, it's not how perilous the climb, it's how strong the thing you are climbing on that matters.

Lesson Guide

- I. **Metaphor:** Fear of climbing a tall structure is proportional to how confident we are in the strength of the structure we're climbing.

- II. **Who God is for us:**
 - a. God is our _____ Psalm 62:8; 61:3
 - i. The planet is broken, not _____ .
 - ii. Our adversary wants us to take our eyes off of God. We must resolutely choose to cling to God.
 - iii. We must build our lives based on what God's word says
 1. Romans 34, "Let _____ be _____ and every man a liar."
 - b. God's attributes:
 - i. All- _____ Jer. 32:17
 - ii. Ever- _____ Ps. 139:7-12
 - iii. All- _____ Dan. 2:21
 - iv. S _____ Dan. 4:35
 - v. J _____ II Cor. 5:10
 - vi. Never _____ Heb. 13:8
 - c. Too often in the midst of trouble we doubt and are anxious because we are wavering in belief of God's _____ .
 - d. God is the _____ for our soul; the one who secures us, a firm rock to hold on to. Heb. 6:18-19
- III. Three Righteous men who trusted God in the dark – J _____ , J _____ , & P _____ .
- IV. "What if we could live today in the midst of the questions, mysteries even darkness of our circumstances with the same _____ and _____ that will be ours when the _____ comes and we understand more fully what God is doing through our suffering and trials?"
- V. Believing that God is _____, that He is all he says he is for us, makes our faith _____

SURVIVOR'S GUIDE to Suffering - Tip #2: Choosing to PRAY.

- I. **Pray Privately**
 - a. Expect resistance.
 - b. Expect _____

Prayer helps in personal prayer: Pray the _____ and pray the Gospel
- II. Ask _____ to _____ for us
 - a. P _____ asked others to pray for him – II Thess. 3:1-2
- III. Remember that _____ Himself _____ for us.
 - a. The Spirit groans in intercession for us, with prayers perfectly matching our need and the Father's will.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it look like when someone in deep testing and difficulty truly trusts God and who He is (His attributes)? What does it look like when someone falters in their faith?
2. Can you share a time when you have experienced peace in a dark time of turmoil because God is your soul's anchor?
3. What do you think is the meaning of the "great reveal" to which Dustin references in relation to Job, Joseph and Paul?
4. What is a fear that you have and what attribute of God could help elevate that fear?
5. Since believing God is who He says for us is critical for surviving and thriving in suffering, Satan is constantly attacking God's attributes, trying to make us doubt. What are some common lies he tries to sell us about God and His goodness?
6. What has God said about himself that is sometimes hard for you to believe or remember?

For Personal reflection: Make a list of the attributes of God as found in Scripture. Does my view of God in the midst of suffering mirror what the Bible says about God?

LESSON 2 Study Guide ANSWERS

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- III. Three Righteous men who trusted God in the dark – **JOB** , **JOSEPH** , & **PAUL** .

- IV. "What if we could live today in the midst of the questions, mysteries even darkness of our circumstances with the same **JOY** and **CONFIDENCE** that will be ours when the **GREAT REVEAL** comes and we understand more fully what God is doing through our suffering and trials?"

- V. Believing that God is **TRUE**, that He is all he says he is for us, makes our faith **MORE RESILIENT** .

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