

Psalm 77

Good Stories

Effects of Trials

- Depression
- Grief
- Exhaustion

Natural Reaction to Trials: Question who God is.

- Does God still love me?
- Has God broken His promises?
- Does He have no mercy?
- Has He lost all compassion?

Supernatural Reaction to Trials: Remember who God is.

- Faith is required to remember who God is.
- Faith is built by remembering what He has done.
- You can't have memories of God's action without trials.

God does not want you to be comfortable. He wants you to be close.
(Romans 8:17)

Life Group Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

1. Tell us about a memorable experience with someone? (Good or Bad—Funny Moment, Road Trip, Injury, Fight, Heartbreak, etc.)
2. How did that experience change your relationship with that person?
3. If you could have a life with no struggles, do you think you would have deep friendships? Why?
4. Read Romans 8:16-18. Does suffering confirm our relationship with God? Why?
5. Tell us about a time God provided. How is your relationship with Him different now? (Go to www.churchofthependoor.org to tell your Adventure Story.)

Core CHRISTlike Characteristics:
Loving God / Heart of Worship