

We Will Get Through This: “When Dark Times Persist”

Psalm 88

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Discussion Questions

1. Discuss the message using the sermon outline and the notes you took. What stood out for you? What questions do you have?
2. Share a time when you experienced a persistent dark time where both outer darkness (physical, relational) and inner darkness (The feeling that God was absent, angry, had abandoned you) were experienced at the same time. Describe what happened, your struggle and how you eventually got through it.
3. Have you ever been disappointed or frustrated with God? Life didn't go the way you thought it should have. If so share what happened, the struggle you went through and how you got through it.
4. How hard is it not only to be saved by grace but to live by grace? Grace seems too easy. How hard is it for you to actually feel forgiven for past or current failures? Do you still struggle with past sins or have regrets over decisions you made, believing that someday those skeletons will come back to haunt you, that perhaps God is going to exact some payment for your sins?
5. Share how hardships shaped your life for the good. How did you grow as a result of going through dark times?
6. So far from what you see what good has resulted from the current pandemic?
7. If it persisted longer than expect, what could we do better to help our people and community? Is there anything we should add or subtract from what we are doing?

Closing: Share what's happening in your life and then pray for one another. Include in the prayer time, praises for all the ways he has used the difficult times in our lives to enlarge them.