Your Questions about God's Care and the Life of Faith

The life of faith is a journey, and it's natural to have questions along the way. Does God truly care for us as individuals? What is my role in my walk with God? How do we overcome sinful habits of the flesh and find deeper freedom as we walk along with God? How do we make sense of suffering? Can I trust God's mysterious grace and timing? God invites us to bring him both our joys and our laments, our confidence and our questions. Dig into Scripture with us and discover answers to these questions about God's care, discipleship, suffering, and God's timing.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- When in your life was God's timing different from our timing?
- Why might someone question whether God cares for them as an individual?



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READ Genesis 16, Psalm 146:6-9, John 15:1-17, Micah 6:8, John 16:1-4, Luke 13:1-5, Isaiah 55:8-9

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Where have you seen evidence of God's care in your life?
- In segment 1, hosts Scott Hoezee and Darrell Delaney referenced nine different Bible passages that demonstrate God's care for us as individuals (Genesis 16, Psalm 8:1-5, Luke 15:1-7, Luke 12:6-7, Psalm 146:6-9, John 10:1-18, Luke 8:43-48, Luke 19:1-10, and Isaiah 49:14-16). Which passage comforted you when you heard it again today? Why?
- In segment 2, Scott and Darrell described our primary responsibility in discipleship as abiding in Christ. Darrell said, "Abiding is what we are called to do, and that is not a passive thing." In what ways did their conversation help you see abiding as active rather than passive?
- Is there anything that troubles you in your life or the world around you? What would your prayer of lament be for that situation?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

<u>Psalm 8:1-5, Luke 15:1-7, Matthew 10:29-31, Luke 12:6-7, John 10:1-18, Luke 8:43-48, Luke 19:1-10, Isaiah 49:14-16, Galatians 5:13-26, 1 John 1:5-7, John 15:18-21, Psalm 13, John 16:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15, Romans 5:3-4, John 9:1-5, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</u>

CONCLUSION

At the end of the episode, Scott reminded us that, regardless of our questions, in our walk of discipleship, we walk with trust. Darrell added that, with God's patience and grace, and the knowledge that he is never absent, we have everything we need for today. Close your reflections with a prayer of thanksgiving for his care and for being a God who welcomes your laments and questions.

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