

#### Addressing the **Plaguing Question**

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# Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

- 1. When, if ever, does doubt occur in your life and faith? Is there anything specific you've typically done to deal with it? Has it worked? Why or Why not?
- Usually, it's during times of hardship and challenge that we are most often tempted to doubt God's plan and his care for us. But the Bible teaches that hardships can play an important role in developing our faith. How do the following passages help us understand hardship's role and the attitude God wants us to have toward it?

Romans 5:3-5

James 1:2-4

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What is most challenging for you in accepting what these passages say about hardship? In what ways can the truths in these passages be helpful to you in handling difficult times in your life?

3. Reflect on this verse . . . "Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength." (1 Chron. 29:12) How does God being in control affect the way you respond to life?

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What tends to make you anxious or worried? What are you anxious or worried about right now? How does trust in God's sovereignty help overcome anxiety about these things?

## Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

Father, may we be tenaciously protective of our time with You and Your word. May we delight in Your word and meditate on it day and night. We become what we choose! Our ministries are as vital, impactful, and sustainable as our confidence in You / Your word AND our obedience to Your voice.

**Joshua 1:8** This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous and you will have good success.

**Psalm 1: 2-3** But his delight is in the law of the Lord. And in His law, he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season and whose leaf will not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.



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## Moving Forward when we Have Questions – Ex. 6:1-7:13

I. <u>Lean</u> into What we Know ... (6:1-12)

7 "I Will" Statements Reveal ...

- God <u>Liberates</u> His Children from Bondage
- God <u>Redeems</u> His Children through His Work
- God Adopts Us as His own Children
- There is an <u>Inheritance</u> awaiting His Children
- II. Rest in "Who" He says You are ... (vs. 6:13-27)
- III. Look for the Underlying Purpose ... (vs. 6:28-7:7)

Life Principle ... We follow the <u>Person</u> of God as we look for the **Activity** of God.

IV. <u>Take</u> the Step of Faith ... (vs. 7:8-13)

# My Takeaway ...

- Your greatest perceived need may not be your greatest need. God <u>Knows</u> you better than you do.
- 2. God knows what He is doing, He invites you to trust Him and to walk with Him. If we choose to do so, we get to **Know** Him in ways we could not have otherwise.

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