

You Asked For It 2 (Trusting God)

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Three Things to Know and Do When Bad Things Happen:

1. Know the source of your problem.

John 10:10 – The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 14:8-9 – ⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." ⁹ Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

2. Learn to judge God properly.

We judge God much more than He judges us!

Job misjudged the source of his problem.

Job 1:21 – Job said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

Sarah judged god faithful.

Hebrews 11:11 – By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

3. Embrace the power of encouragement.

You are not designed to trust God alone! We need one another.

I Corinthians 12:21 – The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

II Corinthians 1:3-4 – ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

There is a place of comfort that only exists within the body of Christ.

You are called to bring others into this new life.

Don't live a self-focused life—bring someone to church with you!

Hebrews 10:24-25 – ²⁴ And let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love and helpful deeds and noble activities, ²⁵ Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching.

Encourage yourself.

I Samuel 30:6 – David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength and encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.