

DEEP

Conversations with God



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Week 3 – Depend (Trusting God in Prayer)

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

1. _____ trials properly. (“was given me”)

An opportunity to rejoice and accept what God is doing in our life. Acceptance is the issue. “The point of prayer is to get God’s will accomplished on earth not man’s will accomplished in heaven.”

2. _____ what God has already said. (“surpassing greatness of the revelations”)

Go back to the book of Psalms. Listen as the writers struggle with their own questions about unanswered prayer and a God that seems far away. Listen to them complain over the fact that at the time when they most needed to see God’s face, that His face seemed to be hidden. And then listen to them find confidence in the promises of God that will never change no matter how our world may be changing all around us.

3. _____ praying to God. (“three times I pleaded”)

P.U.S.H. – Pray Until Something Happens.

Don’t give up praying until something happens either to change your situation or to change you.

4. _____ for God’s voice. (“my grace is sufficient for you”)

In the middle of a crisis you may hear all kinds of voices telling you what you need to do. God may be saying something to you, but in the midst of all the confusion, you can’t seem to sort it out. You can’t understand God’s message. One of the principles of biblical interpretation – or even a principle of life – is that you should interpret difficult or unclear passages by clear passages. As you face your struggle, you may feel like you need to go a particular direction, but you are unsure. What should you do? Go to the Bible. Judge what you are feeling by what has already been revealed to you in Scripture. What God says to you in your spirit will never conflict with what God has already said in His Word.

5. _____ in God's power; depend on God's power ("power is made perfect")

When God chooses not to use His power to alleviate the pain, trust in God's power to see you through the pain.

6. _____ God right where you are.

("I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.")

("I am content with weaknesses.")

("I delight in weaknesses.")

You want God to change your situation, but did you ever think that God could use you right in the middle of it? Don't ask God to change things until you've looked for and found how you can minister in or be changed by the circumstance that you face.

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