

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Jeni and Pastor Lance Ward joined Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs to talk through their journey of losing their son to an accidental overdose, and then Lance's mom to cancer just a few months later. Their losses are recent and emotions are raw, yet their faith in the Lord is unwavering. Clinging to what they have built over the years, they processed grief and sorrow through the Word of God, surrounded and supported by their faithful community. Seeking comfort in Psalms, and the words of Jesus, one thing Lance shared was that suffering reveals to you beauties you would otherwise not see. Their faith was strong before these tragedies hit, and because of their trust in God, they are coming through the storms with faith in tact and are able to continue to praise the Lord.

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 13 NIV

*How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?*

*Look on me and answer, Lord my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.*

*But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.*

PSALM 56:8-9 NASB

*You have taken account of my miseries;
Put my tears in Your bottle.
Are they not in Your book?
Then my enemies will turn back on the day when I call;
This I know, that God is for me.*

MATTHEW 11:28-29 NASB

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What thoughts and emotions did you experience as you listened to Marty and the Wards?
2. Read Psalm 13 and Psalm 56:8-9. What strength is found for those going through trials and desperate times?
3. Do you have a verse or passage that has helped you deal with hard times? Please share it.
4. Read Matthew 11:28-29. How does Jesus share our burden? How does this bring rest?
5. Lance mentioned the Saturday Tornado siren test went off while he was traveling to be with Jeni when their son died. When people asked what they could do for them, Lance suggested when the siren sounds on Saturday, to pray for them.

Who can you pray for every Saturday at noon when the siren sounds?

6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for his promises to be strong for you and bring you rest in times of trouble. Remember those you know who are in the middle a battle – grieving or struggling, and use the Scriptures from this study to pray for them specifically.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.”

PSALM 34:18 NLT