

Learning to Trust God – Joshua 10 – 12

“Back to the Basics”

- I. Remembering and celebrating what God has done
 - a. His miracles
 - b. His victories

**Bringing us assurance*

- II. Depending on God in trials
 - a. His presence is with us
 - b. His promises are for us
 - c. His faithfulness is to us
 - d. His sovereignty is over us

**Bringing us hope*

- III. Giving thanks to God in all circumstances
 - a. Demonstrates our trust in God
 - b. Brings glory to God

**Bringing us joy*

- IV. Witnessing the power of God
 - a. Sun and moon stopped
 - b. Hailstones
 - c. Large coalition of kings, armies, chariots, and horses

**Bringing us reverence*

- V. Accepting God’s judgments and ways
 - a. His holiness is honored
 - b. Salvation through Jesus alone
 - c. For our good and His glory
 - d. Trust and obey

**Bringing us peace*

Suffering Simplifies Life

“The nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.”

PSALM 73:28

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No matter what its source or intensity, there's something about suffering that simplifies life and draws us back to the basics. Invariably, especially during a time of intense trial,... I go back to what I really believe. I return to the elementals such as prayer and dependence, like getting quiet and waiting on God. I remind myself, God is sovereign...this is no accident. He has a plan and a purpose. Those thoughts give us hope beyond our trials.

Trials put our faith to the test as well as stretch our confidence in Him. They force us back to the bedrock of faith upon which our foundation rests, and this becomes a refining and necessary process.

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