

Two Biblical Examples

The Life of _____.

2 Corinthians 11: 23b- 27

23b I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again.

24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea,

26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.

27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

The Life of _____

18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"

20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Application:

1. Take five minutes before you pray each time this week and list:
 - 3 specific blessings that can bring glory to God.
 - 1 specific hardship that can bring glory to God.
2. For more in depth study, read *True Spirituality*, by Chip Ingram:

THE REAL GOD DISCIPLESHIP CAMPAIGN

WEEK TWO: THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Introduction: God is good but if you live long enough you will experience great loss and your strength will fail you. How do we handle God's goodness in the light of suffering and loss?

The importance of our study:

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

- A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

Thesis: A true understanding of God's goodness will bring us the strength and joy to get through any circumstances

Defining Goodness

Our Definition of Goodness

Good is something that makes me _____ or helps me out, or helps others out without hurting me (or at least not hurting me beyond an acceptable_____.)

Discovering God's Definition of Goodness

1. Discover "why" God wants us to have _____.

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.



2. Discover “why” God created _____.

Isaiah 43

Isaiah 49

Psalms 106

Romans 9

Ezekiel 20

2 Samuel 7

1 Samuel 12

Ezekiel 36

John 7:18

Matt 5:16, 1 Peter 2:12

John 14

John 12, John 17

Romans 3:25-26

John 16:14

1 Corinthians 10:31

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Peter 4

2 Thessalonians 1

John 17

Romans 11

Habakkuk 2:14

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Revelation 21:23

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

The Bible Is Not About _____

It's About God Bringing Glory to His _____.

Ephesians 1: 3-6

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Two Truths About _____ God's Goodness

1. God wants the best for us and is _____ because that brings glory to Him.

- He does not desire our _____ obedience.
- The Law and His Word are for our good

2. God's goodness means I am not the center of _____.

- Most of my problems stem from a _____ attitude.
- Most of my stress, worry, anger stems from there also.
- A _____ attitude bring freedom.

