



How to Live through a Bad Day
Pt. 4 – Look to God for Difficult Answers

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1. The faithful can feel _____.

Matthew 27:46 (NIV), “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Psalms 10:1 (NLT), “O LORD, why do you stand so far away? Why do you hide when I am in trouble?”

1 Kings 19:3-5 (NIV), “³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. ‘I have had enough, LORD,’ he said. ‘Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.’”

2. Learn the lesson and _____ the pain.

2 Corinthians 1:9 (NLT), “In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead.”

Hebrews 5:8 (NLT), “Even though Jesus was God’s Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.”

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT), “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. ⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.”

3. Trust that God is _____ you.

2 Corinthians 1:3 (NIV), “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.”

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIV), “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Isaiah 63:9 (NLT), “In all their (my) suffering he also suffered, and he personally rescued them (me). In his love and mercy, he redeemed them (me). He lifted them (me) up and carried them (me) through all the years.”

4. Look to God’s _____.

Hebrews 12:2 (MSG), “...because he never lost sight of **where he was headed**.”

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT), “**Faith** shows the **reality** of what we **hope** for; it is the **evidence** of things we **cannot see**.”

Hebrews 11:2-3 (NLT), “² Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. ³ By **faith** we understand that the entire **universe** was formed at **God’s** command, that what we **now** see did **not** come from anything that can be **seen**.”

Hebrews 11:39-40 (NIV), “³⁹ These were all **commended for their faith**, yet **none** of them **received** what had been **promised**, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something **better** for us so that only together with **us** would they be made **perfect**.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NLT), “¹⁶ That is why **we never give up**. Though our **bodies are dying**, our **spirits** are being **renewed** every day. ¹⁷ For our **present** troubles are **small** and **won’t last** very long. Yet they produce for us a **glory** that vastly **outweighs** them and will **last forever**! ¹⁸ So we **don’t** look at the **troubles** we can see **now**; rather, we **fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen**. For the things we see now will **soon be gone**, but the things we **cannot see** will last **forever**.”

5. _____ while asking why.

Psalms 22:1-3 (NIV), “¹ My God, my God, **why have you forsaken me**? Why are you so far from saving me, **so far from my cries** of anguish? ² My God, I cry out by day, but you **do not answer**, by night, but I find no **rest**. ³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one **Israel praises**.”

Psalms 22:22-23 (NIV), “²² I will **declare** your name to my people; in the **assembly** I will **praise** you. ²³ You who fear the LORD, **praise him!** All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”
