



Disappointment & Forgiving God

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Sometimes our great expectations are shattered by reality: What then?

- **Borrow _____ from scripture and tradition.**

“My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help?” (Psalm 22:1-2)

- This gives you words when you have no words.
- This gives you permission for ‘howl at the moon’ type prayers.
- Encourages you to be honest about how you feel with current reality.

- **Borrow hope/joy from _____.**

“Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God’s word to them, four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.

They couldn’t bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man,

“My child, your sins are forgiven.” (Mark 2:2-5)

- Understand the difference between situational joy and relational joy.

- **Borrow hope/joy from the _____.**

“Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.” (Romans 8:18)

“I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, ‘Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever. And the one sitting on the throne said, ‘Look, I am making everything new!’” (Revelation 21:3-5)

- _____ **God.**

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