



Day 11, Thursday, February 1, 2024

He is With You in Your Suffering

READ - Matthew 4:1-11; 1 Peter 4:12-19; Romans 8:31-39

There are no mistakes in God's plan. There is no plan B. It was God the Holy Spirit that placed Jesus in that desert for that particular time. We only know His complete plan for our lives as we look backward. A.W. Tozer said,

“To the child of God, there is no such thing as an accident. Accidents may indeed appear to befall him and misfortune stalk his way; but these evils will be so in appearance only and will seem evil only because we cannot read the secret script of God’s hidden providence.”

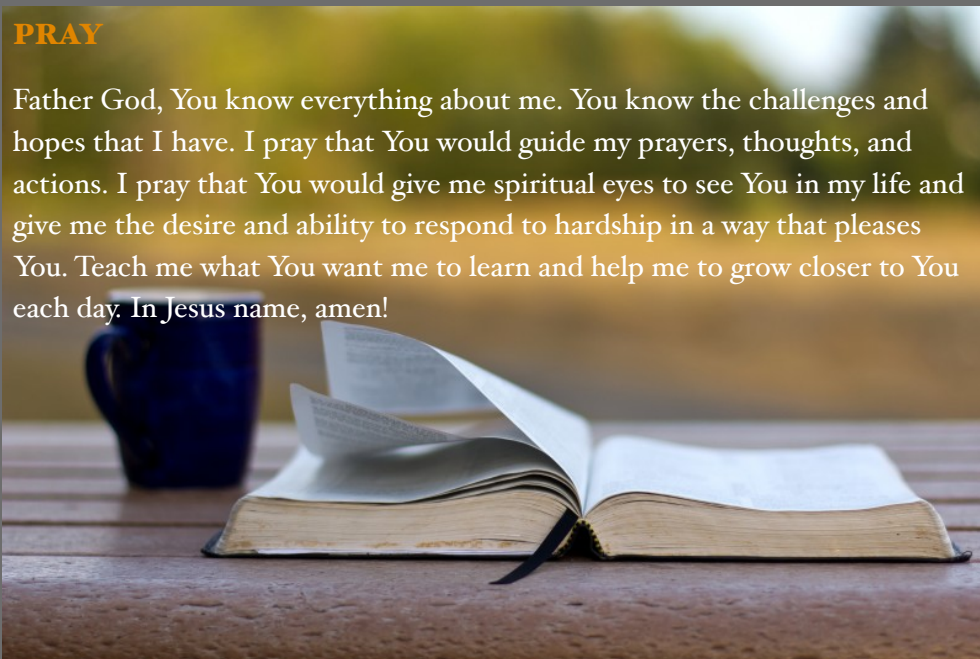
Our whole perspective of life changes when we find ourselves facing overwhelming temptation, tragedy, or any hard situation. We are where we are today because God permitted it. He did not cause it. As someone has said, “Nothing gets to the child of God unless it passes through His Hands first.”

If we are in a time of trial, He is here. Remember He is the One who has promised never to leave or forsake us, never to forget or abandon us. He is sovereignly and purposefully working.

So, if we find ourselves in a difficult spot of needing healing and reconciliation, against all evidence to the contrary, **there is no better place to be.**

PRAY

Father God, You know everything about me. You know the challenges and hopes that I have. I pray that You would guide my prayers, thoughts, and actions. I pray that You would give me spiritual eyes to see You in my life and give me the desire and ability to respond to hardship in a way that pleases You. Teach me what You want me to learn and help me to grow closer to You each day. In Jesus name, amen!



REFLECT

The Lord is often testing our faith, leading us into hardship, teaching us wisdom, showing us His ways, changing our course on this journey called life, calling us back to Himself — in the process healing us spiritually and sometimes physically. Our first reaction is usually anger, panic, and/or a sense of ‘why is this happening to me if you love me so much, Lord?’

Are you in a difficult place right now?

How is God present with you in the midst of what you are going through?

Look back over your past. Where has God been with you in difficult circumstances and worked evil for good in your life?