

Part 19: God is My Answer to Disappointment

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God is trustworthy

God is listening

A Common-Sense Truth about Life:

The gap between my expectations and my reality is entirely composed of disappointment.

My False Belief:

<u>People</u> are disappointing <u>God</u> is disappointed

When I am disappointed in life, I run to Psalm 62 where I see who God is.

Psalm 62

For the director of music. For Jeduthun. A psalm of David.

| ¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. | God is <u>peace</u> |
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| ² Truly he is my rock and my salvation; | God is <u>salvation</u> |
| he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. | God is stable |
| ³ How long will you assault me? | |
| Would all of you throw me down— | |
| this leaning wall, this tottering fence? | |
| ⁴ Surely they intend to topple me | |
| from my lofty place; | God is aware |
| they take delight in lies. | |
| With their mouths they bless, | |
| but in their hearts they curse. | |
| ⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God; | God is <u>peace</u> |
| my hope comes from him. | God is hope |
| ⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation; | |
| he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. | |
| ⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God | God is dependable |
| he is my mighty rock, my refuge. | God is shelter |
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⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people;

pour out your hearts to him,

for God is our refuge.

⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath, God is permanent

If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;

together they are only a breath. God is everything God is enough

¹⁰ Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods;

though your riches increase,

the highborn are but a lie.

do not set your heart on them. God is paramount

God is speaking ¹¹ One thing God has spoken. two things I have heard:

"Power belongs to you, God, God is powerful

¹² and with you, Lord, is unfailing love"; God is unfailing love and, "You reward everyone God is rewarding...

according to what they have done." ...and responsible. (Gal 6:7)

Small Group Questions

- 1) Who are you disappointed with right now? Why?
- 2) So far, what have you done with disappointment? Has it helped or hurt?
- 3) Read Psalm 62 again remembering that David wrote this in the middle of crisis. Of all the ways David fills in the blank "God is ," which one means the most to you?
- 4) Do you have enough margin in your life to write a song? Or take a walk? Or take a nap? If so, do it! If you don't have the margin, why not? What can you do to change that?
- 5) How does knowing who God is help you handle disappointment?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?