



Seeing Trials as God Sees (Psa 50:15, Jas 1:2-4, 2Cor 1:3-4, 1Pet 4:12-14)

Eyes on the Eternal- May 4, 2025

It is good for me that I have been afflicted... *Psalm 119:71 NKJV*

I now rejoice in my sufferings... *Colossians 1:24 NKJV*

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, *James 1:2 NKJV*

When we see trials as God sees, we rejoice

Trials draw us closer to God

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. *Psalm 119:71 NKJV*

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." *Psalm 50:15 NKJV*

Trials grow us more like Jesus

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, *James 1:2 NKJV*

knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. *James 1:3 NKJV*

But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. *James 1:4 NKJV*

Trials prepare us to help others for Christ

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, *2 Corinthians 1:3 NKJV*

who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. *2 Corinthians 1:4 NKJV*

Trials help us bring glory to God

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; *1 Peter 4:12 NKJV*

but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. *1 Peter 4:13 NKJV*

If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. *1 Peter 4:14 NKJV*

For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, *Philippians 1:29 NKJV*

Tim's 2019 Message on Elijah and Depression

This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

May 4– Rom 2, Family Focus –Rom 2:1-3

May 5– Psa 19, Family Focus – Psa 19:1-4

May 6– Reflection & Prayer

May 7– Rom 3, Family Focus –Rom 3:22-28

May 8 – Rom 4, Family Focus –Rom 4:3, 16-22

May 9 – Rom 5, Family Focus –Rom 5:1-8

May 10 – Rom 6, Family Focus –Rom 6:1-7

May 4

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NURSERY

THE BIBLE IS GOD'S BOOK

In this series, we will learn that the Bible is God's book that He has given to us because He loves us. We will learn the story of Josiah finding God's word in the run-down temple.

Memory Verse: "The Bible is God's Book" 2 Timothy 3:16

Heart of the Lesson: God Gave Us the Bible Because He Loves Us

Parent Connect: In our Story today we learned about when King Josiah finds part of the Bible while he's cleaning out the temple. Retell the story to your toddler then play a game of hide and seek with a Bible. Take turns hiding and finding it. (If you need a refresher, you can find the story in 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:19)

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PENTECOST, PETER AND PAUL

In this series we will learn about the miracle of Pentecost and the journeys of Peter and Paul as the travel to tell everyone about Jesus! Peter and Paul both experienced different journeys and different ways that they could tell others about Jesus!

Memory Verse: Mark 16:15 "And then He told them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.'"

Heart of the Lesson: Pentecost | Acts 2:1-41

Parent Connect: Today's story kids learned about the day of Pentecost when God gave His followers the ability to speak in other languages. Use the QR code to listen to a song about saying 'hello' in different languages.

ELEMENTARY

DESCENDANTS

EXPLORING OUR CONNECTION TO ABRAHAM



"Descendants" explores our connection to Abraham, revealing how Christians are part of his spiritual family. Through engaging stories and lessons, kids will discover the power of God's promises and learn how He faithfully keeps them. Join us as we journey through faith and uncover our incredible heritage as descendants of Abraham.

Memory Verse: Genesis 26:4 "I will cause your descendants to become as numerous as the stars of the sky, and I will give them all these lands. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed."

Heart of the Lesson: Keep Your Eyes on Him | Genesis 1

Parent Connect: Go through some of the basic opposite pairs that your kid may know. Up verses Down, Right verses Wrong, Black versus White. Focus in on Sin versus God's Plan and how when we go against God's plan, it leads to us missing out on his promise.

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EYES ON THE ETERNAL

We are always looking around us. We can't help it. We see our lives and the lives of our friends and family around us. We know how our parents see us, how our teachers see us and how we see others. We don't often stop to look at how God sees us, sees our family, see our resources or success. We also don't always view these things in light of eternity. This month we will challenge ourselves to see things the way that God sees them as we keep our Eyes on the Eternal.

Memory Verse: "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine." Isaiah 55:8

Heart of the Lesson: Seeing Trials as God Sees Them – God sees our trials as a way to grow us, help others, and bring Him glory (Psalm 50:15, James 1 :3-5, 1 Peter 4:12-14)

Parent Connect: If your family, or you as a parent have faced a trial in your life, this is a great time to talk to your student about how God used the trial to grow you, grow others and ultimately how the trial glorified God. Don't forget how important these moments of discipleship are with your student. After you share or discuss as a family take a moment to pray over your family, trials you are currently facing or trials your student or family may face in the future.

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

EYES ON THE ETERNAL



If we want to see the world the way God sees it, we need to understand God's eternal perspective! We can understand God's perspective on things that are important to us by looking at what God's Word, the Bible says. This series, we're learning to have our eyes on the eternal things by taking time to understand how God sees the things in our own lives!

Memory Verse: "Think about things that are in heaven. Don't think about things that are only on earth. (Colossians 3:2 NIRV)