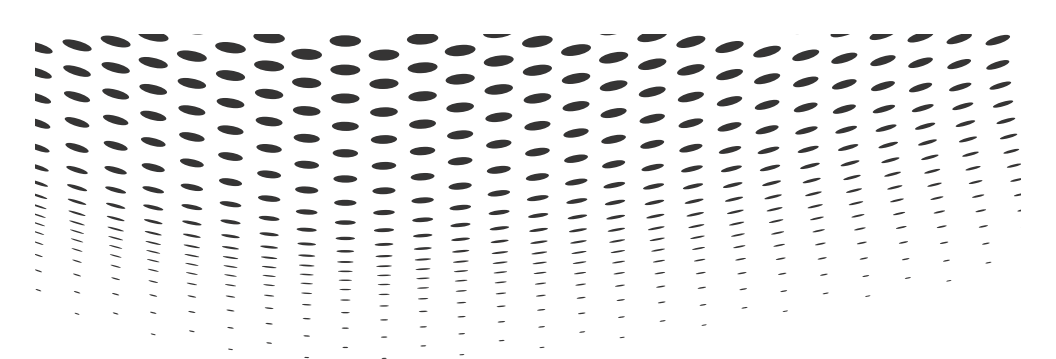




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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

Opening 6:30 PM	The Pitfalls of Temptation Main Auditorium	Pastor Noah
Ladies 7:10 PM	The Danger of the Rearview Main Auditorium	Beverly Howard
Men 7:10 PM	Can God Still Use Me? Howard Room	Bobby Perry
Youth 7:10 PM	Faith to Sanctify Falcon's Nest	Jeremiah Murphree
Closing 7:45 PM	Restoration from Confession Main Auditorium	Pastor Javi

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Opening 6:30 PM	The Road to Exhaustion Main Auditorium	Pastor Abel
Ladies 7:10 PM	Recovering from Despair Main Auditorium	Jenessa Armstrong
Men 7:10 PM	Why Am I on God's Bad Side? Howard Room	Pastor Howard
Youth 7:10 PM	Faith to Follow Spanish Chapel	Zach Burkhart
Closing 7:45 PM	Overcoming Depression Main Auditorium	Pastor David

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

Opening 6:30 PM	Welcoming a Wayward Family Main Auditorium	Pastor Armstrong
Ladies 7:10 PM	Establishing Family Closeness Main Auditorium	Sherri Abney
Men 7:10 PM	My Family Will Serve the Lord Howard Room	Kevin Rau
Youth 7:10 PM	Faith to Obey the Lord Spanish Chapel	Pastor David Bethany Siers
Closing 7:45 PM	Persevering in a Wrong Family Main Auditorium	Pastor Jonathan

THE ROAD TO EXHAUSTION

PASTOR ABEL RAMIREZ
1 KINGS 19:4-5

INTRODUCTION

Exhaustion | a state of extreme physical or mental fatigue

WHAT LEADS TO EXHAUSTION?

I. THINKING THAT YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET THE JOB

1 Kings 19:14; Colossians 3:23

II. CONSTANTLY GIVING YOUR ENTIRE _____ SUPPLY

1 Kings 18:36-38

III. FAILING TO PULL _____

1 Kings 17:5-6

IV. PAYING MORE ATTENTION TO YOUR ENEMIES THAN TO YOUR

1 Kings 19:3-4

RECOVERING FROM DESPAIR

JENESSA ARMSTRONG

1 SAMUEL 1-2

INTRODUCTION

I. HANNAH WAS _____ IN _____

1 Samuel 1:10

Importunity - persistent, especially to the point of _____

Luke 11:5-8

II. HANNAH CHOSE TO _____ WITHOUT A

1 Samuel 1:18

THE WORLD'S LABELS:

- Moses: _____
- Abraham: _____
- David: _____
- Mary: _____
- Gideon: _____
- Ruth: _____
- Joseph: _____
- Job: _____
- Rahab: _____
- Paul: _____

III. HANNAH WORSHIPPED IN THE _____

1 Samuel 1:19

Worshipping God in the hard times doesn't _____ or minimize our hurt. Instead, it _____ our focus off of ourselves and our circumstances and shifts it to who God is.

WHO IS GOD?

- James 1:17 - God is Unchanging
- Psalm 145: 13 - God is Trustworthy and Loving
- Psalm 46:2 - God is Our Refuge and Strength
- 1 Thessalonians 5:24 - God is Faithful
- Psalm 145:18 - God is Near to Us
- Psalm 145:17 - God is Righteous
- Psalm 86:5 - God is Merciful
- Isaiah 6:3 - God is Holy
- 1 John 4:8 - God is Love
- Matthew 19:26 - God is Omnipotent
- Psalm 139:7-10 - God is Omnipresent
- Psalm 147:5 - God is Omniscient
- Psalm 92:15 - God is Perfect

IV. HANNAH _____ AND _____ GOD

1 Samuel 2:1-10

May we never forget to _____ God's goodness and praise Him _____ for what He has done for us!

CONCLUSION

WHY AM I ON GOD'S BAD SIDE?

PASTOR JIM HOWARD

INTRODUCTION

TEN LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF JOB

I. BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO _____ PEOPLE
Job 1:1, 8

II. IN THE CHAOS OF LIFE WE MUST NOT LOSE _____
IN GOD
Job 13:15

III. OUR FRIENDS MAY FAIL US BUT _____ NEVER DOES
Job 16:2

IV. GOD MAY BE SILENT - HIS _____ IS ALWAYS WITH US
Job 23:10-12

V. WISDOM COMES FROM _____ GOD
Job 28:28

VI. GOD IS WITHIN US IN THE _____ OF LIFE
Psalm 23

VII. GOD IS STILL IN _____
Psalm 135:6

VIII. JOB _____ TO THE LORD
Job 42:6

IX. JOB'S _____ FAIL HIM
Job 42:7

X. GOD'S _____ BROUGHT BLESSINGS
Job 42:12

CONCLUSION

Why am I on God's bad side?

Recall the story of Job:

- Remind yourself who God is
- Relish in what God has done for you

FAITH TO FOLLOW

ZACH BURKHART
HEBREWS 11:1, 3, 6, 23-30

INTRODUCTION

I. EXPLANATION OF _____

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

II. WHY FAITH IS _____ TO US TODAY

But without faith it is impossible to please him: (Hebrews 11:6a)

We have to have faith that He exists in order to act upon that faith.

Why would we read the Bible if we don't have faith in it?

CONCLUSION

We all need to make a decision to focus on faith for ourselves and not relying on the faith of others.

OVERCOMING DEPRESSION

PASTOR DAVID SIERS

1 KINGS 19:3-21

INTRODUCTION

I. NEGATIVE _____ PATTERNS LEAD TO DEPRESSION

Definition: *Continuously thinking on the same negative or distressing thoughts*

A. Rumination Lets _____ Control Your Life - v. 3-4

³ And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. (1 Kings 19:3-4)

B. Rumination _____ the Negative - v. 10

¹⁰ And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. (1 Kings 19:10)

II. DEPRESSION REQUIRES A MULTIDIMENSIONAL

_____ - V. 5-21

"Depression is a multidimensional problem that requires a multidimensional solution." – Chris Hodges

A. Invest in _____ Recovery - v. 5-8

⁵ And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

⁶ And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

⁸ And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.
(1 Kings 19:5–8)

RECOVERY ASSESSMENT

DIET

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

My eating habits consistently diminish my health.

My eating habits consistently enhance my health.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I never drink water throughout the day.

I always drink water throughout the day.

SLEEP

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I never get enough sleep each night to feel rested.

I always get enough sleep each night to feel rested.

RELATIONSHIPS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I never connect in life-giving relationships with others.

I always connect in life-giving relationships with others.

HOBBIES

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I never engage in activities
that rejuvenate me.

I always engage in activities
that rejuvenate me.

EXERCISE

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I never engage in exercise or
activities to keep my body healthy.

I always engage in exercise or
activities to keep my body healthy.

REST AND REFLECTION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I never make time for
rest and reflection.

I always make time for
rest and reflection.

B. Experience _____ Renewal - v. 11-13

¹¹ And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD.
And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent
the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the
LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the
LORD was not in the earthquake:

¹² And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and
after the fire a still small voice.

¹³ And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle,
and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold,
there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?
(1 Kings 19:11-13)

C. Live with _____ - v. 15-16

*"People have enough to live by but nothing to live for; they
have the means but no meaning." - Viktor Frankl*

- ¹⁵ And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:
- ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. (1 Kings 19:15-16)

D. Prioritize Healthy _____ - v. 19-21

- ¹⁹ So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.
- ²⁰ And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?
- ²¹ And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him. (1 Kings 19:19-21)

CONCLUSION

Adapted from *Out of the Cave* by Chris Hodges.

What Won't Help Someone Struggling with Depression?

- **Trying harder:** “Come on, now, you can snap out of this! Just try a little harder and I’m sure you’ll feel better in no time.”
- **Over-spiritualizing:** “What does your quiet time look like right now? Maybe you aren’t spending enough time reading the Bible. Maybe you should wake up earlier and pray more.”
- **Minimizing:** “Well, I’m sure you feel bad, but honestly, it could be so much worse. Did I ever tell you about the time . . . ?”
- **Criticizing:** “If you weren’t so hard on yourself, I bet you would feel a lot better. Just try to relax, okay? Don’t be such a perfectionist all the time.”
- **Dismissing:** “This too shall pass. You’ll get over it—I know you will! Just give it a little time.”

What Will Help Someone Struggling with Depression?

- **Committing:** “I’m here to sit with you wherever you are right now. I’ll listen and be with you no matter what you’re facing.”
- **Encouraging:** “God loves you right where you are, and I know he loves you too much to let you stay there. Trust him. He is working in you, even if you don’t see it.”
- **Listening:** “If you can, please tell me what it feels like. I want to listen and understand more of what this is like for you.”
- **Giving hope:** “This is not a dead end. I know God has more for you than this. Let’s talk through some options of what might be a helpful next step for you.”
- **Offering a new perspective:** “Let’s see how we can look at this battle from another angle.”

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