

GOD HELPS HIS CHILDREN

Introduction to Scripture reading and song service

- A. When especially troubling times come, I believe God gives special strength to deal with them. 1Cor 10:13; 2Cor 1:3-4; Heb 13:6
 - 1. How? Acts 26:22; Heb 4:16
 - 2. Prayer – Don't use it as a "last resort!" Psa 30:10
 - 3. Bible reading - Love Psalm 139!
 - 4. Worship - Keeps us in perspective - Especially singing! Jhn 4:21-24; Col 3:15-17
- B. Sometimes He comforts & strengthens through His children 2Cor 1:5-7; 1Pet 5:6-9
 - 1. We "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15)
 - 2. Because there is strength in numbers & unity especially in times of trouble. Eccl 4:9-12
 - 3. God will supply all our needs Phil 4:19

Scripture Reading and Song Service:

Conclusion:

- A. Whether it is some national tragedy or a personal crisis, the pain & sorrow is just as intense.
- B. But Christians do not sorrow as those who have no hope! 1Thess 4:13
 - 1. "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12
 - 2. There is sustenance in suffering
 - 3. There is comfort in crisis
 - 4. There is reward for persistence
- C. Never lose sight of the fact that what awaits us is more precious than the sorrows and setbacks of this life. Rom 8:18

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(All songs are from Hymns For Worship)

Announcements:

Introduction and opening comments

Song: # 63 I Need Thee Every Hour

GROW IN GRACE

Scripture Reading: 2Pet 3:17-18

Titus 2:11-14

Song: # 205 Amazing Grace

Song: # 545 His Grace Reaches Me

BECOME MORE RELIANT ON HIM

Scripture Reading: Matt 6:24-34

Psa 37:23-28

Song: # 249 Seek Ye First

Song: # 415 To Christ Be True

Prayer: (for God's help in our spiritual growth)

INCREASE IN WISDOM

Scripture Reading: Prov 2:2-5; 9-15

Jas 1:2-7

Song: # 435 How Shall The Young Secure Their Hearts

Song: # 112 Teach Me Thy Way

(alternate song # 497 Give Me The Bible)

BE OBEDIENT TO HIM

Scripture Reading: Matt 7:21-23

Rom 6:12-18

Song: # 381 Work For The Night Is Coming

Song: # 506 Stepping In The Light

Summary and Invitation:

Song: # 322 Bring Christ Your Broken Life

Song: (Lord's Supper) # 179 Lead Me To Calvary

Lord's Supper

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Closing Prayer: