



1. Expect _____ (vv.10-11)

Luke 13:10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.

12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability."

13 And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

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2. Be _____ (v.12)

3. Sincerely _____ (v.13)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Genesis 3:16-19**. Why is this an important set of verses to keep in mind, knowing that it obviously applies to both the righteous and the unrighteous?
2. Read **1 John 2:12-14**. How does this analogy regarding the stages of the Christian life hint to why we encounter an intensified struggle as we mature in Christ while living in a broken and fallen world?
3. Read **John 16:33**. How would you explain to a suffering Christian what it practically means to "take heart" in this command from Christ? How is that done?
4. Read **Hebrews 11:6**. In light of this weekend's sermon (and the stories of so many of those listed in Hebrews 11), why does it make sense that God's "reward" is included in this two-point list of things about which we need to exercise our faith?
5. Read **Revelation 21:1-7**. In what way can and should this passage engender perseverance and endurance in your Christian life?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

May 8th

1Kgs.16-18 & Jn.1:29-51

May 9th

1Kgs.19-20 & Jn.2

May 10th

1Kgs.21-22 & Jn.3:1-21

May 11th

2Kgs.1-3 & Jn.3:22-36

May 12th

2Kgs.4-5 & Jn.4:1-30

May 13th

2Kgs.6-8 & Jn.4:31-54

May 14th

2Kgs.9-11 & Jn.5:1-24

May 15th

2Kgs.12-14 & Jn.5:25-47

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

- Msg. 12-26 – **The Creator Knows You (and your difficult trials)**
- Msg. 08-59 – **The Theodicy of God** (a study on God's goodness & the existence of evil)
- Msg. 10-19 – **Looking for the Good When Things Go Bad**
- Msg. 09-04 – **Making Sense of the Bad in the "Good Book"**
- Msg. 10-15 – **Why Being Heavenly-Minded Does a World of Good**
- Msg. 14-17 – **Lifelines: For Tough Times**
- Msg. 07-21 – **Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Alcorn, Randy. **If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil**. Multnomah Books, 2014.
- Archer, G. **The Book of Job**. Baker, 1982.1019
- Fabarez, Mike. **Lifelines for Tough Times: God's Presence and Help When You Hurt**. Harvest House, 2014.
- Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.
- Geisler, Norman. **The Roots of Evil**. Zondervan, 1978.
- Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.
- Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. B & H., 2000.
- Leyshon, David. **Sickness, Suffering and Scripture**. Banner of Truth, 2008.
- MacArthur, John. **The Power of Suffering: Strengthening Your Faith in the Refiner's Fire**. David C. Cook, 2011.
- Morgan, Christopher. **Suffering and the Goodness of God**. Crossway, 2008.
- Piper, John & Justin Taylor, eds. **Suffering and the Sovereignty of God**. Crossway, 2006.
- Plantinga, Alvin. **God, Freedom, & Evil**. Eerdmans, 1974.
- Poole, Garry. **How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?** Zondervan, 1998.
- Stackhouse, John. **Can God Be Trusted? Faith and the Challenge of Evil**. Oxford, 1998.
- Tada, Joni Eareckson & Steve Estes. **When God Weeps: Why Our Suffering Matters to the Almighty**. Zondervan, 1997.