

Wounds to Worship

Hope & Confidence (Week 4)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

The road to glory is often marked by pain and sorrow.

Key Scriptures

He gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.

Matthew 5:45 NLT

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. Romans 8:15-16 NLT

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. Romans 8:26-27 NLT

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Romans 8:17-22 ESV

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to

his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory. Romans 8:28-30 NLT

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39 NLT

How do we deal with the pain of tragedy and the sorrow of loss?

1. Remember that God is a Good Father.
2. Recognize that Our World is Broken.
3. Know the End Game.

Start talking.

- What was the most meaningful story for you in this series?
- If you were to record a video for this series, what would your story be about?

Start thinking.

- Why is it important to remember that God is a good father when we go through hard times?
- Read Psalm 119:71. How can it possibly be good to go through suffering and pain?
- Read Romans 8:28-30. Why do we so easily forget that God's end game is glory rather than our happiness?

Start sharing.

- How have you seen your wounds lead to worship and pain lead to praise?
- How will your life be different moving forward as a result of this series? How will you view pain and suffering differently?

Start doing.

- There is power in a testimony? Who needs to hear your story?
- What wounds to worship story is God currently writing in your life? How is God calling you to be faithful and lean on him this week?