

THE WORD FOR LIFE - SERMON NOTES

What Do I Do When...#4 I'm Disappointed with God By Louie Marsh, 8-30-2009

1) _____ what it is.

O LORD, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? Psalms 13:1 (NLT)

Abram said, "God, Master, what use are your gifts as long as I'm childless and Eliezer of Damascus is going to inherit everything?" Abram continued, "See, you've given me no children, and now a mere house servant is going to get it all." Genesis 15:2-3 (MSG)

O LORD, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Jeremiah 20:7 (NIV)

Phillip Yancy's 3 Questions:

- **Is God Silent?**

O God, whom I praise, do not remain silent, Psalms 109:1 (NIV)

- **Is God Hidden?**

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 29:29 (NIV)

- **Is God Fair?**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

- ✓ **Am I disappointed with God?**

2) _____ for the cause.

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. Proverbs 25:2 (NIV)

- _____ let me down.

- _____ let me down.

- I let _____

- I don't correctly _____

3) _____ to God.

"I am disgusted with my life. Let me complain freely. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. I will say to God, "Don't simply condemn me—tell me the charge you are bringing against me. What do you gain by oppressing me? Why do you reject me, the work of your own hands, while sending joy and prosperity to the wicked? Job 10:1-3 (NLT)

Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. I did not sit in the circle of merry-makers, Nor did I exult. Because of Your hand upon me I sat alone, For You filled me with indignation. Why has my pain been perpetual And my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will You indeed be to me like a deceptive stream With water that is unreliable? Jeremiah 15:16-18 (NASB)

- **Ask for God's _____**

4) _____ waiting for me.

Therefore, thus says the LORD, "If you return, then I will restore you— Before Me you will stand; And if you extract the precious from the worthless, You will become My spokesman... Jeremiah 15:19a (NASB)

5) _____ & _____ at the same time!

The word of the LORD also came to me saying, "You shall not take a wife for yourself nor have sons or daughters in this place." Jeremiah 16:1-2 (NASB)

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. Matthew 16:24-25 (NIV)