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disappointments*



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Disappointment comes in all shapes, sizes and degrees—none of us are immune. Discouragement is the common emotional cold we all catch from time to time. It might be the disappointment of not passing that test, not getting that job, not avoiding that circumstance or not acquiring that thing you desire most...you might even feel a disappointment with God at times — questioning?, wondering?...

...disappointment rises upon all of our lives.

So what do you do when it rises on you?...when it crosses your path?

As we explore that today—may your soul be reminded and refreshed by the God who is > your disappointments!

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If you want, seek out some time this week to engage with God in searching through these passages & reflecting over the message. Ask yourself, “What might God be showing me in these verses? How do I come to get a clearer picture of Him? What might He be wanting me to know, experience or adjust in my life –maybe in the way I relate to Him and/or others?”



As we come to times of disappointment and discouragement in life, it’s imperative that we check our perspective. Often our focus can become consumed with our circumstances and we drown in our own emotions—rather than practicing the discipline of remembering. Putting our focus on the God who is > putting Him in proper perspective as the God who resides above all, and the God in whom we can put our hope with security...even when He seems silent and things seem shaky.

**Read Psalm 42:1-6 and verse 11**

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*What is the psalmist telling himself—what is he remembering? Why?*

As you look back over your life, do you see ways God has proven Himself trustworthy and at work “upstream” in your life? Take time to remember...  
*(list some)*

Spend some time allowing these scriptures to wash over you this week, as you put your hope again in the God who is > your disappointment...

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Psalm 33:13-22

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Isaiah 40: 30-31

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

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**Further reflection:** *(potential books for reading)*

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