

WHERE IS GOD NOW?



It's the cry that we raise when our world falls apart.

When we're looking into the face of disaster.

When every solid foundation has been swept away.

And God, where is he now?

Has God disappeared from the scene?

Is he occupied with other things, too busy to notice?

Doesn't he care?

The Enemy of your soul will tell you that your faith has been a waste of time. "There's nothing out there but darkness."

But that darkness is God's darkness.

It is the place where new light is about to be born.

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice.
You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy."*

Those words of Jesus apply to his disciples of all time.

Sooner or later we experience the "fellowship of the cross."

We taste what it's like to be "left in the dark" with nothing to hang on to but the words which the Master branded on our hearts.

So we hang on to those words and wait.

We keep taking care of daily business.

We press forward through the dark.

Then comes the surprise.

The stranger on the road turns out to be none other than the Messiah himself.



Our sorrow is turned into joy.

The darkness gives way to blazing glory.

*Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.*

Psalm 42



Prayer: Lord, when our world is falling apart, when we feel overwhelmed, when despair and darkness is licking at our heels.... help us not to give up. Help us to know that you meet us in our darkest places. You are there. Help us to know, really know that you will not abandon us. Help us to draw closer to you than we ever have and to find You our greatest light in our greatest darkness. Yes, turn our sorrow into joy and our darkness into blazing glory because that is where you are. Amen.

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