

In the Desert but Not Deserted

“What on Earth is Happening?”

Hebrews 3:7-12

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- Hearing the voice of God is rarely comfortable.

THREE QUESTIONS

1. Is this the End Times?

- Note: Lawlessness leads to lovelessness.

2. Is God angry or punishing us?

- From time to time God will shake the heavens to call us to Himself.

3. Isn't it cruel for God to use calamity to call us?

- Faith forged in the fire of adversity is stronger than faith born in comfort.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what way have you been tempted to harden your heart?
2. How or who will you help during this season?
3. What will it look like for your eyes to be focused on Christ? What will others see if you are focused on the Lord?

EIGHT WAYS GOD USES SUFFERING

“GOD’S DIAMOND FACTORY”

1. God uses pain/suffering to change our direction (Hebrews 12:10-11).
2. God uses pain/suffering to temper and strengthen us (James 1:2-4).
3. God uses pain/suffering to protect us from ourselves (2 Corinthians 12:7).
4. God uses pain/suffering to cause us to “look up” (Acts 9:1-9).
5. God uses pain/suffering to lead us to repentance (2 Corinthians 7:8-9).
6. God uses pain/suffering to draw us into community (2 Corinthians 1:4-5; Galatians 6:2).
7. God uses pain/suffering to highlight our heavenly hope (Romans 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18).
8. God uses pain/suffering to prove our faith (1 Peter 1:6-7).