

## When God Disappoints Us Is God Hidden?

Isaiah 8:17 “ I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob. I will put my trust in him.”

\*\*God is **real**, no matter how **we feel**

Psalms 10:1 “Lord, why are you standing aloof and far away? Why do you hide when I need you the most?”

Job 23:8-10 “But if I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.”

### I. What to do when God seems hidden.

#### A. Tell God Exactly How **You Feel**

“Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.”

B. “I believed; therefore I said, “I am greatly afflicted.” Ps 116:10

1. David believed **God**.
2. David believed God would listen **to his prayer**.
3. David believed God would let him say **how he felt** and still **love him**.

#### C. Focus on **WHO God is**—His unchanging nature

For Job this included

1. 10:12 – **good and loving**
2. 42:2, 37:5 – all **powerful**

3. 23:10 – notices every **detail of life**
4. 34:13 – in **control**
5. 23:14 – has a plan **for my life**
6. 19:25 – will **save me**

### D. Trust God to **Keep His Promises**

1. **Circumstances** do not change the **character** of God – or his **word**.
2. Realize that the way of intimacy with God is not **knowledge**, not **ritual**, it's not **trying harder**, it's **obedience**.
3. John 14:21, “Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

### E. Remember What God has **already done for you**.

1. “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Cor. 5:21

\*\*Hebrews 13:5 “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’”

Question to consider: