

Text: 2 Samuel 16:1-23
Topic: Suffering. Relationships.
Series: Book of 2 Samuel

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Dark Days ^{part 2}

What to Do When Your Team Isn't Much Help

1. Give _____ (vv.1-4)

2. Don't _____ (vv.5-14)

3. Lean _____ (vv.15-23)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Describe a difficult situation in your life in which the support and encouragement of your Christian friends made all the difference in the world.

2. Describe a situation in which you were accused of being uncaring and unsupportive, when in reality you were either uninformed or unable to provide the needed assistance to a friend in crisis. How did it feel to be written off?

To whom do you need to give the benefit of the doubt as it relates to their apparent lack of concern? Write out a prayer that reflects a magnanimous and forgiving attitude toward anyone who you feel has at some point abandoned you.

3. In what situation do you currently feel misunderstood or wrongly accused (especially as it relates to someone's stated opinion as to why you are undergoing a trial)?

Though it is natural to want to retaliate, or at least be defensive, write out a prayer to God that reflects a renewed commitment to allow God to straighten out their perceptions and opinions, instead of you.

4. Read Psalm 27:10. There will always be times when even your closest and most loyal friends will let you down. Describe a time when God has lived out Isaiah 41:13 in your life.

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule...

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Dt. 29-31 & Lk. 6

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Dt. 32-34 & Lk. 7

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