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33 And they said to him, "The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink." **34** And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? **35** The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." (ESV)

1. Admit _____ (v.35)

2. Anticipate _____ (v.34)

3. Celebrate _____ (v.33)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Acts 14:21-23**. Why is it important for us, like it was for the Christians in Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, to be reminded that the Christian life will include "many tribulations" before we enter the coming kingdom?
2. Read **John 16:33**. How does the last sentence of this verse actually help us to manage the forecast found earlier in the verse? How would you practically explain the help derived from this perspective when life hurts?
3. Read **Romans 8:18-25**. What aspects of this passage are the most helpful to you when you encounter some of life's profound sorrows?
4. Read **Matthew 6:16-18**. What can you do to make sure that when you participate in fasting it never becomes a prideful display or an attempt at manipulating God?
5. Read **Acts 2:46-47**. What specifically will you do to imitate the example of these two verses, which clearly helped to give the embattled early church perspective, camaraderie, and genuine joy?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

July 28th

Ps.53-55 & Ac.27:26-44

July 29th

Ps.56-58 & Ac.28:1-15

July 30th

Ps.59-61 & Ac.28:16-31

July 31st

Ps.62-64 & Ro.1

August 1st

Ps.65-67 & Ro.2

August 2nd

Ps.68-69 & Ro.3

August 3rd

Ps.70-72 & Ro.4

August 4th

Ps.73-74 & Ro.5

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 09-27 – **Taking Hold of a New Perspective on Our Problems**

Msg. # 12-40 – **The Prince of Peace & the Future of Planet Earth**

Msg. # 06-08 – **Koinonia: What It Means to "Share Together" in Christ**

Msg. # 02-22 – 02-23 **When Life Takes a Left Turn** (a two-part series on suffering)

Msg. # 10-15 – 10-21 **When Life is Tough** (a seven-part series on suffering)

Msg. # 07-67 – 07-77 **Sorting Out the End Times** (a twelve-part series on the end times)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **Heaven**. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

Benware, Paul. **Understanding End Times Prophecy**. Moody Press, 1995.

Bonar, Horatius. **Night of Weeping: When God's Children Suffer**. Christian Focus Publications, 1999.

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Elliot, Elisabeth. **A Path Through Suffering**. Servant Publications, 1990.

Frazee, Randy. **The Connecting Church**. Zondervan, 2001.

Hoyt, Herman. **The End Times**. Moody Press, 1969.

Hutchinson, John. **Thinking Right When Things Go Wrong: Biblical Wisdom for Surviving Tough Times**. Kregel, 2005.

Piper, John. **A Hunger for God: Desiring God Through Fasting and Prayer**. Crossway Books, 1997.

Swindoll, Charles. **Laugh Again**. Word Publishing, 1991.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.

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Wallis, Arthur. **God's Chosen Fast**. Christian Literature Crusade, 1968.

Wiersbe, Warren, ed. **Classic Sermons on Suffering**. Kregel Publishing, 1984.

Wilson, Doug. **Joy at the End of the Tether: The Inscrutable Wisdom of Ecclesiastes**. Canon Press, 1999.