

## Sermon Questions

### Exodus 1

Difficulties occur all the time in the Christian life because we live in a sinful and broken world that is hostile to the Lord. When these trying circumstances occur, we sometimes understand that this is a normal part of the Christian life. The challenges mount when these situations escalate and no matter how hard we pray, worship or read our Bibles our situation goes from bad to worse. During seasons like this we can often question God's goodness or if he even cares for us. Learning to trust the Lord in difficulties is one of the ways that God grows our character and helps build spiritual muscles in God's plan for our lives. Learning what we can specifically trust God for can truly help us as God orchestrates our circumstances. This week we highlighted four areas where a believer can trust in God. Use these to help you mature in your faith.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

### **When Adversity Escalates**

#### **Exodus 1**

**When adversity escalates, trust in God's....**

**Promises and the reality that He is personal (1-7)**

**Purposes for all your circumstances (8-14)**

**Protection when you are uncompromising in your loyalty to Him (15-21)**

**Plans that will always be opposed but never defeated (22)**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email [info@bravechurch.online](mailto:info@bravechurch.online) and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

### **Questions**

1. Why is it important to understand that God is personal? What happens if we forget God's personal nature? Why won't "religion" help during a time of trial?
2. How faithful is God to His Word? Why is it imperative that a believer know and understand the Word of God? Why should we trust the promises of God? What are some of the promises of God you are trusting right now? What difference does trusting God's promises make in your life during difficult times?

3. Why should we trust God's purpose in our lives? Is God Sovereign and intentional with our circumstances? How does that encourage you when you are going through a difficult time?
4. How has God used challenges in the lives of other believers to grow their character? To help them make a difference? Has there been any child of God that hasn't suffered and gone through difficulty? Why do you feel you should be exempt?
5. How can we trust God's protection? How does God protect His children? Why does God protect His children? Read Hebrews 11:6. How does God not only protect but reward us in our walk with Him?
6. Why is it important to fear God rather than to fear man? What differences occur in our lives depending upon whom we fear? Where is your greatest fear today? Is your fear properly focused or does the focus of your fear need to be back on the Lord?
7. What is the difference between your reputation and character? Why is your character more important than your reputation? Which takes longer to build? Which is more public? Which is more private? Which is more difficult to build? How will God help you to build your character?
8. Why are God's plans always opposed in this world? Why should we not be concerned when God's plans are opposed? What does it mean to pray "from" a position of victory rather than to pray "for" victory?
9. Why does satan focus much of his effort to destroy godly men? What difference would it make in our culture if the majority of men were godly? How can you pray for more godly men? If you're a man, how can you help raise up more godly men?
10. What is your greatest application from this week's message? How was it timely and helpful for you? What do you need to apply right now in your life?