

Don't Waste Your Troubles

1 Samuel 21 & Psalm 34

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- Do you know what you learn as you read God's Word? Godly people that _____ the Lord also encounter trials and troubles.
- When troubles come into our lives, we can either gripe or _____; we can either get bitter or get _____ - don't waste your troubles!
- Take your troubles and use them as tools and motivators to grow in your knowledge of who God is, and what God means to you. This is what David did, and we see in Psalm 34 that, through David's troubles, he learned several spiritual truths.

I can always _____ the Lord.

- David reminded himself, "God knows right where I am, and I can trust Him through all my troubles."
Psalm 34:8, 22
- It is in trials that our faith in God can really _____, because we learn experientially that we can trust our God.

I must always _____ the Lord.

- *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered..."*

... And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

Romans 8:26-27

- When we seek the Lord in our troubles, God does an incredible work in us internally, and truly _____ us more into the likeness of Christ.

I should _____ the Lord, not man.

- When we fear the Lord, it means that we live to _____ Him, not man. We know that God is the One that upholds us and sustains us, not man.
- *"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."*

2 Corinthians 7:1

Christian, maybe you are going through troubles and trials. Don't waste your troubles. Use them as opportunities to _____ more into the likeness of Jesus Christ.