

Changing Expectations

(John 16:33) "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

(2 Corinthians 4:16-18) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

✓ God is _____.

Nothing is out of His _____.

(Job 42:2 MSG) I'm convinced: You can do anything and everything. Nothing and no one can upset your plans.

(Isaiah 55:8 NLT) "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine."

✓ God is _____.

He is who _____.

(Psalm 136:1) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.

✓ God is _____.

The end is never _____.

(Genesis 50:20 NLT) You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

(Romans 8:28 NLT) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Dealing with Disappointment

1. Turn to God _____.

(Psalm 55:22 MSG) Pile your troubles on GOD's shoulders— he'll carry your load, he'll help you out. He'll never let good people topple into ruin.

2. Allow _____ into the situation.

(Ecclesiastes 4:12) A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

(Proverbs 17:17) A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

3. Turn your pain into _____.

(Philippians 3:12-14) Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

4. Live with an eternal _____.

(1 John 2:17) The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

(Philippians 3:20) But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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✓ God is sovereign.

Nothing is out of His control.

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✓ God is authentic.

He is who He says He is.

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Dealing with Disappointment

1. Turn to God immediately.

(Psalm 55:22 MSG) Pile your troubles on GOD's shoulders— he'll carry your load, he'll help you out. He'll never let good people topple into ruin.

2. Allow others into the situation.

(Ecclesiastes 4:12) A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

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