

IV. _____ IT

When God allows trials in your life and in your family you were just given another _____ to share with and help others.

“2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.” James 1:2-4

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to [His] purpose.” Romans 8:28

“Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer.” Romans 12:12

FOUR TRUTHS OF THE HOPE OF PARENTING

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TEXT: Job 42:2-3 (Pew Bible/Pg. 523/Old Testament)

What is hope?

A feeling of _____ and _____ for a certain thing to happen.

And what is parenting?

To be or act as a _____ or _____ to someone.

“13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb.

14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made,^{!a} Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.” Psalm 139:13-16

I. IT’S OKAY TO HAVE A HOPE! - A _____ WITH OPEN HANDS

It’s okay to have a plan, just make sure your hands are open to what God may do instead.

“That our sons [may be] as plants grown up in their youth; [That] our daughters [may be] as pillars, Sculptured in palace style” Psalm 144:12

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” 3 John 4

“In the fear of the LORD [there is] strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge.” Proverbs 14:26

“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

“Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.” Proverbs 29:17

Closing: What area of your life do you need to have hope in?

 “When you say a situation or a person is hopeless, you're slamming the door in the face of God.” ~ Charles L. Allen

II. _____ PLANS ARE ALWAYS BIGGER AND BETTER!

Sometimes life doesn't happen the way we want it too but we need to continue to trust _____ plans.

“As you do not know what [is] the way of the wind, [Or] how the bones [grow] in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything.” Ecclesiastes 11:5

A. _____ than us.

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

B. _____ than we could imagine.

“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

III. IF YOUR _____ AND HIS _____ DON'T MATCH UP - GOD IS STILL ON HIS _____

God is God and when we go through trials in our lives the fact that He _____ on His throne should be all we need.

“Fear not, for I [am] with you; Be not dismayed, for I [am] your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10

A. God _____.

“2 I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. 3 You asked, ‘Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.” Job 42:2-3

“Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in seas and in all deeps.” Psalms 135:6

B. God _____.

“12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? 13 And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.” Matthew 18:12-14