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*Dale Ralph Davis*

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David should clearly see the **HAND OF GOD** in his life.

Saul should clearly see the **HAND OF GOD** in his life.

David's path should lead to **REMEMBRANCE AND PRAISE**,  
Saul's path to **REPENTANCE AND CHANGE**.



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## Life Group Study Questions

For the week of February 13, 2022

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### MY STORY

1. The quote Chris shared in the sermon talked about "securely standing in the midst of our trials." Is there someone you know who has securely stood in the midst of a difficult time with God's help? Is there anything you can learn about standing securely from their example?

2. Chris talked about each of us writing our own Chapter 19 as a record of God's work in our lives. Take a few minutes to do that on the space provided on the sermon notes and be prepared to share your answers with your group.

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. As Chris mentioned this weekend, we have a rare opportunity to learn how David responded to a challenging situation in Psalm 59. In this Psalm, he wrote down his prayers and thoughts on Saul sending the men to his house to kill him. As you read through portions of this Psalm below:

- Underline what David thinks about God.
- Circle the things David asks God to do for him.
- Highlight what David is already doing or says he will do.

#### Psalm 59

<sup>1</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O God;  
be my fortress against those who are attacking me.

<sup>2</sup>Deliver me from evildoers  
and save me from those who are after my blood.

<sup>3</sup>See how they lie in wait for me!  
Fierce men conspire against me  
for no offense or sin of mine, Lord.

<sup>4</sup>I have done no wrong, yet they are ready to attack me.  
Arise to help me; look on my plight!

<sup>5</sup>You, Lord God Almighty,  
you who are the God of Israel,  
rouse yourself to punish all the nations;  
show no mercy to wicked traitors.

<sup>6</sup>They return at evening,  
snarling like dogs,  
and prowl about the city.

<sup>7</sup>See what they spew from their mouths—  
the words from their lips are sharp as swords,  
and they think, "Who can hear us?"

<sup>8</sup>But you laugh at them, Lord;  
you scoff at all those nations.

<sup>9</sup>You are my strength, I watch for you;  
you, God, are my fortress,  
<sup>10</sup> my God on whom I can rely.

<sup>14</sup>They return at evening,  
snarling like dogs,  
and prowl about the city.

<sup>15</sup>They wander about for food  
and howl if not satisfied.

<sup>16</sup>But I will sing of your strength,  
in the morning I will sing of your love;  
for you are my fortress,  
my refuge in times of trouble.

<sup>17</sup>You are my strength, I sing praise to you;  
you, God, are my fortress,  
my God on whom I can rely.

How would you summarize David's attitude and response to this unjust and undeserved situation?

How do you think David was able to respond the way he did to this challenging situation?

What can you learn from David's response that will help you face your own inevitable trials and suffering?

2. We're better able to stand securely in the midst of trials when we understand how God can use them to grow us. In what ways do you see God using trials and suffering to grow us from the following passages?

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

**2 Corinthians 12:8-10 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Romans 5:3-4 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope.

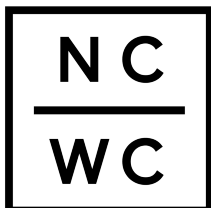
On a scale of 1-10 (highest), how challenging is it for you to maintain the perspective on trials and suffering these passages talk about?

If you are facing a great difficulty or challenge, what would you want someone to do (or not do) in their attempt to comfort or help you?

#### TAKING IT HOME

1. Is there an area in your life where you'd love to see the hand of God at work? Or is there an area of your life where you're wondering if the hand of God might be working against you?

2. Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?



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