

Psalm 6 - Honesty before God

Welcome:

Share a recent example of how God has answered a prayer or where you believe you have been used by God to be an answer to someone else's prayer.

Worship:

You may choose to sing or take it in turns reading a verse from the hymn "Amazing Grace"

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.*

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.*

*When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

Witness:

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Pray together that God will give you opportunities ("Divine appointments") to share how God has miraculously changed your life and how he can do the same for them.

Word:

These questions are given as a guide. Please do not feel you have to read them out as written - make them your own in leading us through together. The important thing about our Word time is that we get to applying the Word to our lives and not just do a Bible study, so make sure that questions and prayer and ministry in response helps in this.

Read Psalm 6

1. Verses 1-4 are evidence of a truly repentant heart before God. In light of 2 Corinthians 7 v 10, and the actions of Judas following his betrayal of Jesus, contrast the attitudes of heart of David and Judas following their sinful acts. What can we learn from David in terms of how to deal with our wrongdoings?
2. Consider a time when you feel you have been 'tested' by God in terms of your faith. To what extent can a close relationship with God and intimacy with Him see us through difficult times in our lives?
3. How can we get the right balance of depending on our Christian friends and trusting in God when we face adversity?
4. Consider the power of our testimony of God's power at work in our lives, and in the lives of our fellow believers. How can past experience lead us into greater expectation of God moving in our lives, as it did for David in verses 8-10?
5. Looking at David's confidence in verse 9, how can we be assured that God hears us when we pray, even when the answer isn't immediate, or isn't what we expected?

Pray for one another that you will have the confidence to

- Be completely honest before God in your private quiet times
- Find someone you can share some of your struggles in prayer with, for whom you can be mutually supportive and have accountability to in your difficult times
- Take a step of faith and share the story of how God has turned your life around and given you new future in Him

