

**DOUBTING GOD—7**

“From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).” **Matthew 27:45-46 NIV**

**3 RIGHT RESPONSES WHEN YOU FEEL ABANDONED BY GOD**

**1. REMIND YOURSELF GOD LOVES YOU AND IS WITH YOU**

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” **Hebrews 13:5 NIV**

- **BECAUSE GOD IS WITH YOU, YOU’RE NOT \_\_\_\_\_** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:20 NIV**

- **BECAUSE GOD IS WITH YOU, TAKE YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD**

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” **Hebrews 4:15-16 NIV**

- **BECAUSE GOD IS WITH YOU, THIS SEASON IS PART OF YOUR \_\_\_\_\_, NOT THE ENTIRE STORY.**

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.” **1 Corinthians 13:12 ESV**

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**2. TURN’ WHY, GOD?’ INOT “WHAT, GOD?’**

- **ASK GOD: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO \_\_\_\_\_ ME?**  
 “Even though Jesus was God’s Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.” **Hebrews 5:8 NLT**

- **ASK GOD: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN ME?**  
 “or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.” **2 Corinthians 12:7 NIV**

- **ASK GOD: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO \_\_\_\_\_ ME?**  
 “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” **Hebrews 12:2 NIV**

**3. WHEN YOU CAN’T TRACE GOD’S HAND, TRUST GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.” **Luke 23:46 NIV**

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.” **2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV**

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“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” **Romans 8:28 NIV**

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,” **Ephesians 3:20 NKJV**

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:19 NIV**

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” **Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV**