

"For God Alone"

"For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken." (Psalms 62:1-2 NRSV)

Class Three: How to enrich 'quiet times'. Resources for 'quiet times'. 17 August 2018

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1. God Provides Bewilderment

a. Jonah 1:17-2:2

- Has God ever allowed your rebellion to take you to tough places? It is an opportunity to cure your boredom.

b. 2 Chronicles 32:24

- Has God ever allowed tough stuff into your personal life that wasn't your fault? It is an opportunity to cure your boredom.

c. Nehemiah 1:3-4

- Has God ever allowed you to hear discouraging news? It is an opportunity to cure your boredom.

d. Nehemiah 2:3-5

- Has God ever surprised you with an overwhelming opportunity for which your courage was inadequate? It is an opportunity to cure your boredom.

e. Luke 22:44

- Has God ever demanded something from you for which your faith was inadequate? It is an opportunity to cure your boredom.

f. Acts 9:11

- Has God ever knocked you sideways in your faith? It is an opportunity to cure your boredom.

2. God Provides Resources

a. The Lord's resources

- "He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. ' "" (Luke 11:2-4 NIV11)
- "The Lord's prayer does not bind us to its particular form of words but rather to its content and basic pattern...[it] is a summary of all other prayers, providing essential guidance on emphasis and topics, on purpose and even spirit. Therefore in our prayers, "the words may be utterly different, yet the sense ought to not to vary."" Keller, "Prayer", p118

b. Human Resources

- Books
- Internet etc
- Personal creativity

Questions:

- What is your biggest area of bewilderment right now? It's a cure for your boredom.
- In what way might God be trying to get your attention? What is he hoping you will notice? It's a cure for your boredom.