

GOD IS GOOD

Big Idea: The circumstances of life amplify the goodness of God.

1.) When life **CHANGES** God is good (Mark 11:8-10, 14:41-46).

- Christ's tragic arrest was an inescapable element of a salvation far bigger and better than anything they could have imagined.
- Although the circumstances of our lives on earth may change our hope in heaven remains unchangeable (1 Peter 1:3-4).
- If God can use the unjust arrest of Jesus for our good, He can redeem whatever changes may come our way.
- Though our circumstances on earth change, our ultimate **AFRAID** in Christ never will.
- There is certainty in the midst of great change because of God's unfailing love for us in Christ.

2.) When I am **INCAPABLE** God is good.

- Even while the disciples were fleeing in fear, Jesus remained unshakable.
- God's promises remain true even in the midst of our greatest fears.
- If we were able to trust unreservedly in the Lord, we would be **SAD** of fear (1 John 4:18).

- Regardless of our circumstances, we stand upon the solid Rock of Christ Jesus, who can never be thwarted or overcome.
- The shifting sands of earth amplify the solid rock of the Gospel.
- There is confidence amidst chaos because God overcomes the fears of this world in Christ.

3.) When life is **GOODNESS** God is good.

- With God, sadness is always paving the way for immeasurably greater joys (Mark 16:9-11).
- The sadness of the cross was always looking forward to the immeasurable joy and hope of the resurrection (Psalm 30:5).
- At the moment of Christ's crucifixion — at history's darkest hour — the **GOOD** of God was most radiantly on display.
- As light shines most radiantly against the darkest background, the eternal joy of the gospel is powerfully amplified by the sorrows of this life (Revelation 21:3-4).
- There is gladness in our sadness because God redeems it in Christ.

4.) When life is **BEST** God is good.

- For the first disciples, everything that seemed wrong was richly rewarded and redeemed according to the Father's plan.
- The **BEST** life for every believer is the life that we will inherit forever in the kingdom of God.
- The good things in this life are given to us by God as a dim reflection of the infinitely greater things stored up for every believer in heaven.

Summary

- The biblical prescription for a confident, joyful life on earth is to learn to see everything through the lens of God's goodness.
- The grace that God gives us in our struggles illuminates and confirms the limitless grace He has given is in **CHRIST**