

When God Feels Absent P1

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SERMON SUMMARY

We start a series this week called “When God Feels Absent.” What do I do when there’s a big battle where everything is at stake and I have to win, but I lose? That’s what the Israelites were up against in 1 Samuel 4.

And that’s what some of us are up against now. Someone loses a job, carries the weight of depression, goes through cancer treatment, struggles in a marriage, struggles with their children, is betrayed by someone. What do we do when God feels absent?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to focus on God's presence and love rather than using Him as a means to our own ends?
2. What are some ways people might try to control or manipulate God to get what they want?
3. How is the glory of God connected to Jesus' resurrection?
4. What are some practical ways we can support and encourage others who might be going through a season where they feel the absence of God's glory

5. How does trust and reliance on God's presence help us through challenging circumstances?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

- 1 Samuel 13:19
- 1 Samuel 13:22
- 1 Samuel 4:3
- 1 Samuel 4:16-21

Next Steps

- I will search my heart to see if there's any way I've been trying to put God in a box.
- I will wait, and not despair, not give up; I will not quit when God feels absent.

Prayer Request(s)

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