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"COME TO THE ROCK"

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PSALM 18:1-2 (NLT); JAMES 1:1-4 (NLT)

I. GOD'S PLAN IN THE PAIN OF OUR DAYS

INSIGHT: The books of Psalms and James are about how to maintain faith in drawn-out, turbulent times.

QUESTION: How would you respond if I told you that while God didn't create COVID-19, it's part of His plan to mature His church in America and around the world?

TRUTH: Real faith holds to its trust in "the providence of God" and determines to endure and not quit.

TRUTH: Every child of God will only become what God created them to become by going through the trials of their days, trusting God and living out their calling to reach a lost world and make disciples.

TRUTH: Trials create a moment to either develop perseverance or become a quitter on the sidelines of life.

TRUTH: These days are designed to forge an enduring spirit.

II. GET HELP FROM GOD TO ENDURE (v. 5).

INSIGHT: God will meet any effort to endure for His sake with full generosity.

TRUTH: You can be weak with God, small with God and He'll give you what you need.

INSIGHT: Wisdom is knowing how God wants you to handle what you're going through, how to persevere.

INSIGHT: Endurance is gained or lost on whether you ask for God's help.

III. PERSONAL APPLICATION, Psalm 139:16 (NLT)

TRUTH: In COVID-19 days our power not to just survive but to live, is “hope” of God’s sovereign oversight and care.

HOW DO YOU “WORK” IN THESE DAYS?

1. Worship with the Church gathered or online but worship, once every seven days, for that’s God’s will.
2. “Be a light to others for My sake.” Witness, disciple someone younger in the faith than you, help, encourage, feed, lift the spirits of the downcast and the suffering in His Name.