

Under the Circumstances

HOLDING ON TO GOD
WHEN IT APPEARS GOD IS
NO LONGER HOLDING ON TO YOU

Part 1: When Life Happens

Introduction

When life doesn't turn out the way we hope, it can cause us to doubt God's goodness. But many times, it's in the midst of our circumstances that we better understand God's presence.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever had second thoughts about the goodness of God because of pervasive pain and suffering in the world?
2. Does your faith play a significant role in the midst of difficult circumstances? If so, how? If not, why do you think that is?
3. How has personal suffering impacted your confidence in the goodness of God?
4. Read **John 11:32–43**. Knowing that miracles don't always happen the way we sometimes hope they would, how could the story of Lazarus still provide a foundation of hope for someone in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges?
5. Peter writes, "Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). What is your initial reaction to that invitation?
6. Can you share a personal experience when you felt God's presence and care during a difficult time in your life?