

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Don't Let Me Down

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Scripture: **Psalm 25:2**

Series: **Lift Up Your Soul**

OVERVIEW

When experiencing disappointment, or living through crisis, the go-to hope for the believer is almost always for God to fix things or remove the struggle. We expect him to, isn't that normal? Isn't it right for us to expect God to deliver us; or for God to provide the provision we ask him for? Christians might believe that they will be fully satisfied, happy, and joyful, if God comes through on their watch. But when God does not come through, as we would expect, we lose hope; we feel he let us down. However, **the promises of God rid us of entitlement and strengthen our hope.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the danger of always expecting God to come through (in the way *you* feel is best) when you pray through a crisis or experience disappointment?
2. Should we pray specifically that God will deliver us from our crisis? Why or why not?
3. Think back to a time where you were experiencing a crisis of some sort: relational, emotional, financial- What were you expecting God would do? What were you hoping he would do? And what did He actually do?
4. Imagine you are speaking with a close friend who is experiencing a major crisis in their life. Your friend tells you, "I'm trusting God, praying, spending much more time in the Bible, I am going to church to be in community... but God still isn't answering or helping me." How might you respond?
5. The sin of entitlement can't be resolved just by accepting what God does amidst our crisis. What does God owe us? What does he give us? Elaborate on this hope.