

## Struggles Reveal, Will They Purify as Well?

God reveals in the first section of Ezekiel a fairly common message: judgment is coming to His people. However, Ezekiel's message includes what those judgments will reveal about His people. These revelations challenge us to see our struggles in new ways.

Scripture(s): Ezekiel 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 18

Remember this - God uses the hard things in our lives to purify us and call us back to Him.

I. The first question that struggles ask is, "Who do we \_\_\_\_\_?". We often do not understand that what we trust often \_\_\_\_\_ our trust of God. Ezekiel 3:16-27; 4:1-17; 8:1-12

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II. The second question that struggles ask is, "Where is our \_\_\_\_\_?". Our "glory" is what we take \_\_\_\_\_ in, look forward to, or define our life by. Ezekiel 5:1-17

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III. The third question that struggles ask is, "How do we think God \_\_\_\_\_?". God does not make promises or give warnings that \_\_\_\_\_ Himself in blessing or judgment. He blesses or disciplines based upon our response of \_\_\_\_\_. Ezekiel 10:1-19; 12:3-16; 18:1-30

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### Implications:

1. Our struggles reveal what we trust in because what we trust in will be what we \_\_\_\_\_ to.
2. Our struggles reveal what we glory as our anxiety and anger reveal what feels \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Our response to and even our questions about our struggles reveal how we think God \_\_\_\_\_.

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### What should I do?

1. Notice when you struggle what you run to, what you get \_\_\_\_\_ about, and how you talk to and about God.
2. Decide when life is light (start today) on what you will rely when life is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Face the current struggle you are in by running to the truth and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

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### Ask Jesus...

When I hurt, do I run to \_\_\_\_\_?

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"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore  
Thee" 7

"My Savior, My God"  
"Is He Worthy?"

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the Word \*

"Beneath the Cross of  
Jesus" 291