

When Faith Faces Fear

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"Life is Good" are the words etched beneath a happy face on a T-shirt. The moon-shaped circle with two slashes and a curvy mouth always seem to remind us of the importance of having fun and locking up moments of pleasure. We want to believe that "Life is Good", but is it? And when it isn't, what are we to do?

Imagine a day that begins with a beautiful sunrise and soon after breakfast dark clouds filled with dreadful news bring some of life's realities into sharp perspective. Imagine a conversation with God that goes something like this: "You know God, I do trust You and believe that You are concerned about me but that phone call informed me that I lost my job." Or "My daughter has just confessed to being pregnant by her boyfriend and they are juniors in high school." Or "God, my spouse left me for someone else!" Life happens. It did to David. It does to us.

God was his rock, his strong fortress, and his refuge. Suddenly life changed. He was afflicted, in anguish, and about to be ensnared in a trap that was set for him by his friends. His eyes & bones were weak, he was a dread to his friends, and his name was being slandered. Where's your God, David?

Give up? No! He challenged the goodness of God and reminded Him that "I trust in You, O Lord. You are my God. Deliver me!" And God did. The same God that delivered David from his tragic events, centuries ago, is the same God who will deliver us from our modern day tragic events. David challenges us to "Love the Lord because the Lord preserves the faithful. Be strong, take heart, and hope in the Lord!"

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