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What keeps us from finding hope and encouragement from this testimony?

- 1. Feel that the weight of our own sin disqualifies us from encouragement from God**
- 2. Too focused on self and what deliverance looks like**
- 3. Not willing to do the work to cultivate encouragement from God**

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Want cannot blush. Samuel Rutherford

Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, And He will hear my voice. Psalm 55:17

“Like a swallow, like a crane, so I twitter; I moan like a dove; My eyes look wistfully to the heights; O Lord, I am oppressed, be my security.

Isaiah 38:14

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“The more we can think upon our Lord and the less upon ourselves, the better. Looking to him, as he is seated upon the right hand of the throne of God, will keep our heads, and especially our hearts, steady when going through the deep waters of affliction.” David Smith

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Philippians 3:13–14

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“There is a goal, and a prize, and an upward call. Do we reach for the prize, or circle around our grievances until they suck us right down the drain?”

Janie Cheaney

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“I have sometimes heard of spells and charms to excite love and have wished for them, as a boy, that I might cause others to love me. But how much more do I now wish for some charm which would lead men to love the Saviour. Could I paint a true likeness of him me thinks I should rejoice to hold it up to the view and admiration of all creation, and be hid behind it forever. It would be heaven enough to hear him praised and adored. But I cannot paint him, I cannot describe him, I cannot make others love him. Nay I cannot love him a thousandth part so much as I ought myself. O, for an angel’s tongue, O for the tongues of ten thousand angels to sound his praises.”

Edward Payson in Elizabeth Prentiss ‘More Love to Thee’ p. 7

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“O what a blessed thing it is to lose one’s will. Since I have lost my will I have found happiness. There can be no such things as disappointment to me, for I have no desires but that God’s will might be accomplished. Christians might avoid much trouble if they would only believe what they profess, viz., that God is able to make them happy without anything but Himself. They imagine that if is such a dear friend were to die, or such and such a blessing removed, they should be miserable, whereas God can make them a thousand times happier without them. To mention my own case, God has been depriving me of one blessing after another, but as every one was removed He has come in a filled up its place, and now, when I am a cripple and unable to move, I am happier than ever I was in my life before or expected to be, and if I had believed this twenty years ago I might have been spared much anxiety.” Edward Payson

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Overstatements about sanctification:

- 1. Sanctification essentially involves the activity of remembering, believing, and resting on justification. Rehearsal of Jesus's substitutionary death for your sins is the key dynamic driving our sanctification.**
- 2. Self-salvation through our efforts is the sin of sins. The attempt at self-justification through performance is the deepest, most persistent, and most significant problem hindering and necessitating sanctification.**
- 3. When the Bible says to 'make every effort,' the struggle of the Christian life is about the work of remembering that we are justified and accepted by what Christ has done. Sanctification is not about our behavior, but about clinging to Christ's mercy."**

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Clear Statements about sanctification:

- 1. Sometimes you are sanctified by pointedly remembering that God justifies you on the basis of Christ's righteousness, atoning sacrifice, and resurrection.**
- 2. Basing your relationship with God on your performance is one common problem that both calls for sanctification and hinders sanctification.**
- 3. Sometimes it is a struggle to remember that you are justified by Christ's work—and it is worth struggling to get that foundation clear.”**

How Does Sanctification Work? David Powlison

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Where does God say He is seen that we might overlook? What is required to see Him there?

- The heavens and creation
- Provision – shelter, food, church
- Work of meditating + recording who God is and what is promised
- Ps. 5 – abundant loving-kindness to draw near to God and worship
- Strength to do His will
- Seeing Him in the ordinary (mundane)
- Meditating on promises of God intentionally throughout the day
- Watch missing God as we read His word (relationship drives our hearts as we study)
- Ps. 119:67,75,71 learn through affliction

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What is included in biblical fear?

- Respect
- Awe
- Know His character
- Loving His commandments
- Ps. 63 – seek earnestly, seen you in the sanctuary
- Recognizing position – God over us
- Psalm 119: 63, 74, 79 – ties believers together which leads to rejoicing
- Ps. 34:11 teach fear – seek peace + pursue, eternal God is more than enough, doing what is needed so I can serve Him today
- V.14 depart from evil
- Wisdom starts with Him

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“There is nothing more unfriendly to true piety than its degenerating into irreverence and familiarity with God.” W. S. Plumer What does irreverence and familiarity with God include?

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“They devour the gifts of God without relishing them, or through a vitiated loathing ungratefully conceal them.”

John Calvin

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Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, 2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, 3 if you have **tasted** the kindness of the Lord. 4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:1–5

What accompanies tasting in this passage?

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For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have **tasted** of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

Hebrews 6:4–6

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“There are some things, especially in the depths of the religious life, which can only be understood by being experienced, and which even then are incapable of being adequately embodied in words. ‘O taste and see that the Lord is good.’ The enjoyment must come before the illumination; or rather the enjoyment is the illumination. There are things that must be loved before we can know them to be worthy of our love; things to be believed before we can understand them to be worthy of belief. And even after this—after we are conscious of a distinct apprehension of some spiritual truth, we can only, perhaps, answer, if required to explain it, in the words of the philosopher to whom the question was put, ‘What is God?’ ‘I know, if I am not asked.’” Thomas Binney

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What does this quote tell us about tasting/seeing/fearing—about the nature of saving faith?

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“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ 32 “For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 “So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:31–34

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What would make us choose to be like the lions rather than to seek the Lord?

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“Sometimes I tried to pray, but this only increased my distress and made me cry out for annihilation to free me from the agony which seemed unsupportable . . . It was in vain that I sought the Lord in any of the lofty pathways through which my heart wished to go. At last I found it impossible to carry on the struggle any longer alone. I would gladly have put myself at the feet of a little child, if by so doing I could have found peace. I felt so guilty and the character of God appeared so perfect in its purity and holiness that I knew not which way to turn.

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The sin which distressed me most of all was the rejection of the Saviour. This haunted me constantly, and made me fly first to one thing and then another, in the hope of finding somewhere the peace which I would not accept from Him. It was at this time that I kept reading over the first twelve chapters of Doddridge's 'Rise and Progress' . . . So great was my agony that I can only wonder at the goodness of Him who held my life in His hands, and would not permit me in the height of my despair to throw myself away."

Elizabeth Prentiss

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“While listening to [sermon on ‘Christ’s ability to save to the uttermost] my weary spirit rested itself, and I thought ‘Surely it cannot be wrong to think of the Saviour, although He is not mine’. With this conclusion I gave myself up to admire, to love and to praise Him, and to wonder why I had never done so before, and to hope that all the great congregation around me were joining with me in acknowledging Him to be chief among ten thousand and the One altogether lovely . . . From this time my mind went slowly onward, examining the way step by step, trembling and afraid, yet filled with a calm contentment which made all the dealings of God with me appear just right. I know myself to be perfectly helpless. I can not promise to do or to be anything; but I do want to put everything else aside, and to devote myself entirely to the service of Christ.” Elizabeth Prentiss

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What crosses your mind as you listen?

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“Among all the redeemed in glory there is not one who looks back and sees that on earth there was any mistake in the divine conduct towards him.”

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