

It Ain't Over 'til It's Over Esther 8:1-17

Much of life is about learning to _____ God while moving from one _____ to another.

Lamentations 3:21-23, "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

The BIG Idea

We are deeply and desperately _____ on God's new-every-morning _____.

Why We Need God's Mercies

1. Life's most daunting _____ often follow life's most rewarding _____ (verses 1-2).
 - Proverbs 21:1, "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will."
 - When God grants us victory over one problem, don't get _____ ... don't get _____ ... don't let your guard down.
 - John 16:33, "... In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."
2. The barrage of difficulties reveals that the _____ is _____ us (verses 3-8).
 - James 1:2-3, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."
3. Difficulties are God-shaped opportunities to _____ for God's glory (verses 9-17).
 - How did God get the attention of an entire empire? Through an _____ and her adoptive _____.

Two Questions

1. Am I really deeply and desperately _____ upon God's sufficient new-every-morning mercies?
2. Do I really believe those new-every-morning mercies are _____?
 - Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness that we have done ... but according to His own mercy He saved us."
 - Hebrews 4:16, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."