

How Long?

Psalm 13 and 73

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Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Everywhere you look, right is wrong, wrong is right, and it feels like evil is winning...and it keeps getting worse! Believe it or not, this problem is as old as time. In the Bible, David felt it, Asaph felt it, and Jacob did too. It makes us want to give up...but there's hope. Psalm 13 and Psalm 73 give us the keys to not just endure another day, but to thrive in whatever circumstances we're in.

REALIZE

1. How long?

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalm 13
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - What's your "How Long?" Yours might be why. It might be when.
 - What are you wrestling with or what prayer has God not answered?

2. Stand before the throne.

- **Scripture Reference;** Psalm 73:15-17
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - It's easy to give up and to think God's not in the middle of it all. Are you taking your concerns before the throne? Before the community of faith?
 - Have you been wrestling with God, hanging in there as long as you need to in order to get the answer?

3. See the end.

- **Scripture Reference;** 2 Chronicles 20:1; 2 Chronicles 20:16-17
- **Questions for reflection**
 - What does it look like to know the end in your personal challenges?
 - If you knew the outcome was actually good, what would your posture before God look like?
 - What would your approach to the situation look like?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?

- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?