

PSALM 46

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Psalm 46:1, 1 John 4:4, Romans 8:28-39

God **is** _____.

Bad News:

Psalm 46:2-7, Job 14:1-2, James 1:2-8

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The Most Important Question:

Psalm 46:4-5, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Jeremiah 2:13, John 4:14, 7:37-39

Does my god have a **big 'G'** or **little 'g'**?

The right answer brings:

THE ART OF STILLNESS:

Psalm 46:8-11, Job 38, Hebrews 13:8, Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

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1. The enemy's desire is to see the storms of life shake our trust in God and doubt His goodness whether we're experiencing them personally or seeing others go through them. Hebrews 11 is known as the "Faith Hall of Fame" which is a listing of people who experienced some "great storms" but continued to live by "faith" being "*stirred, but not shaken.*" As you read this chapter, write down any storms or challenges these people encountered along with steps they took to help keep a "faithful" perspective in the midst of the storm.

How does reading through this help give you hope in the midst of life's storms?

2. Seeing people that follow God through the storm can be an encouragement to us all when life gets tough. Yet knowing how to access this hope can be a challenge when everything seems to be falling apart. What additional help or hope do the following verses give to keep this perspective?

Psalms 56: 4, 11

Psalms 102:1-2, 25-28

Psalms 145:18-20

Proverbs 14:26

3. Psalm 18 is a classic Psalm about God's protection in the midst of storms we encounter as a result of damaging actions by others. What conditions does Psalm 18:16-29 give to experience God's protection and hope in the midst of these kinds of storms?

Use Psalm 139:23-24 as a prayer guide to see if there is anything you need to take a look at to meet these conditions.

4. Based on this week's study and looking back in your life, take a few minutes to "be still" and write down how you've seen God encourage, challenge or give you hope in the midst of life's storms. Take some time to thank Him for how He has revealed Himself to you.