

Worship in the Hard Place Part 4

Revelation 4:11 ^{NLT}

“You are worthy, Oh Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For You created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist and were created.”

WHEN GOD SEEMS DISTANT

- ◇ Sin disconnects us from intimate fellowship with God.
- ◇ God is real no matter how you feel.
- ◇ Faith, not feelings, pleases God.

Hebrew 13:5 *Amplified*

...for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. I will not, I will not, I will not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! Assuredly not!

We have to train ourselves
to live by faith and not our feelings.

Psalm 115:9-13, Psalm 116:1,2,10

Admitting your hopelessness to God
can be a statement of faith.

Hebrews 7:25

TRIALS AND TROUBLING CIRCUMSTANCES

- ◇ God's purpose is to use our circumstances as an opportunity to develop our character.
- ◇ Storms of life come to all of us.
 1. We cause them by our poor choices;
law of sowing & reaping (*Galatians 6:7-8*)
 2. The devil comes to steal, kill and destroy;
John 10:10, Mark 4:35-41
 3. God permits to test our heart; *Deuteronomy 8*;
Psalm 7:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Peter 1:6-7

1 Peter 4:12, 1 Peter 1:6

Our faith is likened to gold
that gets refined in the fiery trial.

When you have been refined by fiery trials,
people can see Jesus' reflection in you.