



Good News In Tough Times  
 “When You Are Stuck In The Middle  
 Of Nowhere”  
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Talk It Over

Good News In Tough Times  
 (Week 2)  
 “When You Are Stuck In The Middle  
 Of Nowhere”

- I. Watch out for the lie of \_\_\_\_\_
- A. Sometimes what you \_\_\_\_\_ to be true  
 does not align with what you \_\_\_\_\_ to  
 be true
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ can feed us lies.
- C. God’s care is \_\_\_\_\_

- II. Watch out for \_\_\_\_\_  
 escape \_\_\_\_\_
- A. God will \_\_\_\_\_ you not \_\_\_\_\_ you
- B. God only \_\_\_\_\_ far \_\_\_\_\_
- C. God will take you \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Your \_\_\_\_\_ makes all the  
 \_\_\_\_\_

SMALL TALK

1. Have you been feeling “stuck in the middle of nowhere” lately? If so how? If not, why not?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Psalm 13.** Do you see phases and progression in this Psalm? Where do you see Questioning/Challenging? Where do you see Humbling/Asking? Where do you see Trusting/Praising? How did David, though still struggling, move from one phase to another?
3. **READ Isaiah 49:14-16.** What is the immediate picture that produces this outcry? What is the answer, and God’s bigger picture? Can you think of how your own pain causes you to believe a lie about God’s love or care?

GETTING PERSONAL

4. If you are feeling like you are stuck in the middle of nowhere (being tested in the wilderness), are you allowing it to draw you away from God’s promises or are you allowing it to press you toward trusting his promises?
5. How can you journey with others right now?
6. What are you focusing on that is not helping?
7. What are you focusing on that is helping you to remember the Good News in Tough Times?

MAKING PROGRESS

8. Our first and most important core statement is: “Love God Wholeheartedly”. Have you noticed that your love for God has been in one of the phases described in Psalm 13 (Questioning/Challenging? Humbling/Asking? or Trusting/Praising)? Talk about that with someone. Has our current crisis caused you to be stuck in a phase?

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