



LESSON 4: How'd you get here? Esther 2:1-11

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Read Matthew 6:25-34.

What examples from nature does Jesus give to demonstrate God's detail oriented attention to His creation?

What comfort is Jesus offering to the people because of this knowledge?

What things are we to seek, to prioritize, while trusting God to handle the rest?

Read Romans 8:26-28. Who is provided to help us in our weakness?

Why does the Spirit intercede for us with groanings too deep for words?

For whom does God work all things together for good? (Two qualifications here in verse 28.)

Does this promise mean that if you love God everything will be easy and you'll never experience pain or suffering? (Hint: read verses 18-25)

In the book of Job, most of the book deals with Job's suffering and wondering why he is suffering. He questions God in this book, asking why God even allowed Job to be born if He was going to allow such suffering to enter into Job's life. God is silent throughout the majority of Job, but then He does answer.

Read Job 40:1-9. Can Job provide an answer to any of the questions posed by God other than "No" or "I don't know"?

What point is God making with Job? (God continues to question Job throughout chapters 38-41, driving His point home. Some of the descriptions of what God can do that man cannot are breathtaking; I highly recommend reading through those three chapters just to be reminded of the might of our God.)

All throughout the Bible, we see how God orchestrates events down to the most minute detail to accomplish His purpose for His glory. As you spend time with God today, ponder all the events that He has lined up to bring you to the point where you first acknowledged Him as Lord. Consider all the events that He has lined up since then to bring you to where you are

today. Even if the place where you are today is a place of pain and sorrow, know that God is working all things out for His glory and for your ultimate good. This isn't a promise of riches and health, but a promise of an eternal reward as He continues to sanctify and perfect you in this life. Praise Him for His attention to details we don't even know exist and thank Him for His love for you, His precious daughter.