

## Seasons of Depression

"It can be difficult to find the motivation to continue reading the Bible or even attending church services during some of the bad seasons of depression. As a Christian, how do we deal with seasons of depression?"

- 1. Realize that you are not a bad person for feeling this way (1 Cor 7:5-6; 2 Cor 1:8)
- those that never experienced this do not understand
- telling someone to "snap out of it," or simply giving them a verse doesn't help

| The Psalmist Experienced Th | nis |
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| Ps 44:24 Feeling that God is     |        |
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| Ps 13:1-2 Feeling that God has   | you    |
| Ps 39:12 Feeling that God is a _ | to you |
| Ps 42:3 A lot of                 |        |
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| The Feeling of Depre | ession is not a |  |  |  |  |
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| good feeling         |                 |  |  |  |  |
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- Worship \_\_\_\_\_Prayers are
- Feeling isolated, alone and overwhelmed
- Believing no one \_\_\_\_\_
  including God
- 2. There are various levels of discouragement and depression
- 3. There are many causes of such feelings:

| INTERNAL: |  |  |
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| EXTERNAL: |  |  |

- (a) feeling that the problems are greater than you
- (b) realization that you cannot fix these things

## Mark 4:38-41 What we learn from Storms

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4. 5.

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## **Spiritual Depression**

- Doesn't go away \_
- Makes us become \_\_\_\_\_
  towards brethren & family
- Leads to walking away from the

## 4. Sometimes you have to push yourself through

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