

God Works the Night Shift

Part 1

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We don't always see those in our world that work the night shift. That doesn't mean they aren't there and working. Likewise, we don't always see God working in the dark times of our life. But He is there and He is working.

1. In the dark hours of life _____.

Acts 7:55-56 "But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand. ⁵⁶ And he told them, 'Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God's right hand!'" (NLT = New Living Translation)

• In our darkest hour's _____ can be found.

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (NLT)

Philippians 4:6-7 "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (NLT)

• When circumstances seem hopeless, God offers _____.

Romans 15:13 "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." (NLT)

Psalms 71:5 "For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth." (NIV = New International Version)

2. Even when we can't see it, _____.

• Trust God to _____.

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take”. (NLT)

3. God will _____ through the darkness

• God’s heart for you is _____.

Psalm 23:4 “Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.” (NLT)

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Discussion Questions

1. Read Peter’s story in Acts 12:1-11.
2. Can you remember a time in life in which you felt stuck? Perhaps you were stuck in sin, in emotional turmoil, hopelessness, etc. How did it feel? Did you experience God any differently during those times?
3. Read Romans 15:13 and Psalm 71:5. Describe a time in which you experienced hope in hopeless times? If you are facing a hopeless situation now, read Philippians 4:6-7, seek Him, and experience His peace.
4. Read Acts 12:10—11. Like Peter, has there ever been a time in which you missed God working?
5. God’s heart is for our deliverance. Read Psalm 23:1-4. How does it make you feel to know that He is lovingly leading you through the dark valleys of life?