

THE ANSWER IS EASTER

“For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you would follow in his steps.” 1 Peter 2:21 (HCSB)

1. What do I _____ in my days of _____?

“Since Jesus went through suffering and temptation, he knows what it is like when we suffer and are tempted, and he is able to help us.” Hebrews 2:18

- **Reach out to _____.**

“Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and He said, ‘Sit here while I go over there to pray.’ He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. He told them, ‘My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.’” Matthew 26:36-38 (NLT)

“Share each other’s burdens...” Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

- **Reach out to _____.**

“After walking a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible, he might not have to suffer what was ahead of him. He said, ‘Abba! Father! You can do anything. Take this cup of suffering away from me. But let your will be done rather than mine.’” Mark 14:35-36 (GWT)

3 things to pray when in pain

- **Affirm God’s _____**
- **Express your _____**
- **Offer your _____**

2. How do I _____ my days of doubt and confusion?

“Jesus told them, ‘Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” Matthew 26:31 (NLT)

“At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled.” Matthew 26:56 (NLT)

- **Remember the _____ of God.**

Jesus said: *“In a little while you won’t see me anymore. But a little while after that, you will see me again.”* John 16:16 (NLT)

“I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. So, you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.” John 16:20-22 (NLT)

“To all who mourn in Israel, He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair.” Isaiah 61:3 (NLT)

3. How do I _____ my days of joy?

- **You rely on the power of _____.**

“When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you! For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.” Isaiah 43:2-3 (NLT)

“Jesus said, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in Me will never die.’” John 11:25-26 (GNT)

“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 1:19-20 (NLT)

“All I want is to know Christ and to experience the power of His resurrection, to share in His sufferings and become like Him in His death.” Philippians 3:10 (GNT)

A LIFE CHANGING PRAYER:

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 (HCSB)