

Handling Disappointments in Our Lives ("Desperate Housewives")

Text: Genesis 29:31-30:24, Rom 13:13-14

Main Idea: When God's children mishandle disappointments by not trusting in God, God is still gracious but chaos will overtake our lives.

1. **When oppressed:** Remember that the Lord _____ & _____ the broken hearted & find your joy in Him. (29:31-35, Ps 34:18)

- **Reality:** It's possible to experience _____ problems: *hatred, affliction, & attachment disorder*.
- **Temptation:** Your vulnerability makes you find ways to gain _____ from all the wrong places.
- **Key:** Find your greatest joy, fulfillment & approval in your relationship with _____.

2. **When disappointed:** Remember that the Lord is sovereign over your circumstances & wholeheartedly _____ in Him! (30:1-21)

- **Reality:** God's children are going to have _____ disappointments in life.
- **Temptation:** Allowing circumstances to cause you to _____.
 - By forgetting all the blessings of God & taking a _____ view of life.
 - By allowing _____ & _____ to arise as you look around at everyone else's blessings.
 - By failing to realize that God is _____ working through circumstances.
 - By wrongly _____ blame to others around you.
 - By relying on fleshly carnal devices due to a distrust & _____ in God's providential hand.
- **Key:** Trust that the sovereign Lord is working out His mysterious providential plan for your _____ & for His glory!

3. **When forgotten:** Remember that the Lord will bestow His blessings in His _____ & learn the lessons of dependence, patience & hope! (30:22-24)