

Helping Families Deal with the Unexpected

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Scripture References

I. Definitions: What are we really talking about?

All Scripture is breathed out by God...—2 Timothy 3:16-17

In the beginning was the Word...—John 1:1-3

You shall fear the Lord your God...—Deuteronomy 10:20-21

Do all things without grumbling or questioning...—Philippians 2:14-16

Like a foundation built on a solid rock...—Luke 6:47-49

Like a wild shoot grafted onto a healthy tree...—Romans 11:17-18

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial...—1 Peter 4:12

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering...—2 Timothy 4:5

Not that I am speaking of being in need...—Philippians 4:11-13

But who are you, O man, to answer back to God?—Romans 9:20

John brought a question to Jesus.—Luke 7:18-19

Jesus answers his question.—Luke 7:22-23

Jesus addressing the crowd about John the Baptist.—Luke 7:28

Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?—Habakkuk 1:2-4

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for...—Hebrews 11:1

“Behold, the former things have come to pass...”—Isaiah 42:9

This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan...—Acts 2:23a

II. Survey of the Unexpected Things God Claims Knowledge of and Sovereignty Over

The Lord has made everything for its purpose...—Proverbs 16:4

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.—Psalm 145:17

And my God will supply every need of yours...—Philippians 4:19

God is sovereign over:

1. Weather: Matthew 8:24-27

2. Economies: Ezekiel 36:29b-32

3. War: Exodus 15:3-7

4. Disease and Disability: Exodus 4:11

5. Leaders: Proverbs 21:1

6. Life: Psalm 139:16

7. Eternity: John 10:28

For the Lord gives wisdom...—Proverbs 2:6-15

III. Helping Families Deal with the Unexpected

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven...”—Isaiah 55:10-11

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.—Romans 12:15

Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil...—Job 2:11-13

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.—John 14:27

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything...—Philippians 4:5b-7

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