

PSALM 77:10-12: “Then I thought, “To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand. **11** I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. **12** I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.”

TRUTH #2: Remember God’s _____
(Psalm 77:13a).

PSALM 77:13a: “Your ways, God, are holy...”

PSALM 22:1-3: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? **2** My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. **3** Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.”

TRUTH #3: Remember God’s _____
(Ps. 77:13-19; Ex. 15:11; Is. 40:11-31; Job 38-41:6).

PSALM 77:13b-19: “What god is as great as our God? **14** You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. **15** With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. **16** The waters saw you, God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed. **17** The clouds poured down water, the heavens resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth. **18** Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked. **19** Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.”

TRUTH #4: Remember God’s _____
in Your Life (Psalm 77:20).

PSALM 77:20: “You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.”

PSALM 95:6-7: “Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; **7** for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”

ISAIAH 40:11: “He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.”

PSALM 23:1-4: “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. **2** He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, **3** he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. **4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, a I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

FINAL THOUGHTS

Psalm 77 reminds us that no matter what we are going through in life, the LORD has not rejected us.

He is still able to perform miracles.

His character has not changed.

His greatness remains undiminished.

He is still the shepherd who leads our life.

For these reasons we can trust him in life’s blizzards.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from Sunday's message that was either new to you, or a good reminder?
2. Is there a personal blizzard you are going through? How have you been handling it? Based on Sunday's message, how do you think about your blizzard now? How can your Small Group help you through it?
3. We often pray for God's deliverance, rescue, and help as we go through life's blizzards, but 'what if' God does not do these things for you? What if he does not answer your prayers the way you would like them to be answered? How will you respond?
4. Do you journal? If not, do you have a way of tracking the miracles God's does in your life? Why is it important to track God's miracles?
5. Take time to consider the way in which God leads us based on Psalm 77:20. The passage refers to God's leadership of Israel through Moses and Aaron. Was God's shepherding of Israel out of Egyptian slavery and into the promise land an easy and pain free journey? What happened to Israel along the way? Was God still leading them? (Consider Exodus 12-Deuteronomy 34).

Prayer time – Take time to pray for each other as you may have some personal blizzards in your Small Group today that need prayer. As you pray, remember to pray for the orphans of our world.

“Getting Through the Blizzards of Life”

Sunday November 20, 2011

Pastor Cory Anderson / SMC

Introduction:

In times of distress of soul we should...

1. Remember to _____ to God
(Psalm 77:1-6).

PSALM 77:1-6: “I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. **2** When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted. I remembered you, God, and I groaned; I meditated, and my spirit grew faint. **4** You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak. **5** I thought about the former days, the years of long ago; **6** I remembered my songs in the night.”

2. Remember to be _____ with God
(Psalm 77:6-9).

PSALM 77:6-9: “My heart meditated and my spirit asked: **7** “Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? **8** Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? **9** Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?”

THE BLIZZARD & THE ROPE

TRUTH #1: Remember God's _____
_____ (Ps. 77:10-12; Exodus
14:29-15:21).