Edward Church Stop the Bleeding Pt 3a — Disappointments Pt1 July 25, 2017 God has so much for us to experience in this life. He has provided a way in every situation. That we may find ourselves in. So many times, we get harmed by circumstances and if not handled correctly, we can bleed to death (emotionally, mentally, spiritually). We need to find what God says, apply it and stop the bleeding.

## ...Disappointments

All of us face life-altering disappointments that leave us breathless. Often, these disappointments come unexpectedly, leaving us with more questions than answers. But even when we don't have all the answers or any of the answers—God.

Whatever our circumstances, whether we stand on the highest mountain or wander through the darkest valley, God is ready to protect, comfort and heal us. Our task is to let Him.

Life is filled with the good, the bad and the ugly -During the happy times, we are tempted to take our blessings for granted. During life's difficult days, we discover what we're made of.

And what our faith is made of.

If your faith is being tested by difficult circumstances, ask yourself 3 important questions:

- "How does God want me to respond?"
- o "What does God want me to learn?"
- "Where does God want me to go from here?"

When You Ask Yourself These Questions, Here Are Some Things to Consider:

## **Your Response**

God wants us to respond to life's disappointing moments with an attitude of obedience. No matter how difficult your circumstances, God calls us to obey the instructions that are contained in His Word.

• He wants us to remain hopeful - Psalm 31:24, "Be of good courage, And He shall

He instructs us to remain faithful to Him, and He wants you to be courageous Matthew 8:26, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm"
God also expects us to forgive those who have injured you- Matt 6:14, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you"
God wants us to treat others with kindness and gentleness- Eph 4:32, "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you"