**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****?”***
* ***“****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 strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD”***

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* **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”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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* **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”*

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* **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”*

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**These commandments are often diffivult to obey- especially when you angry- but obey obey them anyeay or you will invite God’s Disproval.**

Pt 2

**Your Lessons**

**What does God want you to learn from your dispointments? Plenty! Every dispointing chapter of life has important lessons to teach -BUT no one can learn them for you -you must learn these lessons for you – and with God’s help, you will!**

**Hidden within every dispointment is the potential for personal and spiritual growth. Life’s darkest days are filled with “teachable moments” -moments that offer unique learning oppoetunities. During these moments , God has things that He wants to say specifically for you. In turn, you muat make your self open to his instructions.**

**Your Future**

**If you**