

SUNDAY IS COMING...

Easter at 2Rivers Bible Church

Various Passages

72 HOURS:

I. FRIDAY: THE DAY OF PAIN

*Q1: WHAT DO I **DO** IN MY DAYS OF PAIN?*

1. REACH OUT TO FRIENDS.
2. EXPRESS YOUR DESIRE.

II. SATURDAY: THE DAY OF CONFUSION

*Q2: HOW DO I GET **THROUGH** MY DAYS OF DOUBT AND CONFUSION?*

1. REALIZE CONFUSION IS NOT ALWAYS BAD.
2. REALIZE CONFUSION MEANS MOVEMENT.

III. SUNDAY: THE DAY OF JOY

*Q3: HOW DO I GET **TO** MY DAYS OF VICTORY?*

1. REMEMBER THE PROMISES OF GOD.
2. RELY ON THE POWER OF JESUS.

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LIFE APPLICATION

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2. Describe any friends you have who are like that: with whom you can honestly share your deepest emotions, and who will stay with you when you are distressed. How do you feel about trying to be that kind of friend to someone?
3. *Read 2 Corinthians 1:20 ESV.* In days of confusion, if you remember God's promises you have nothing to worry about. What kinds of promises do you remember that made you feel at ease while going through miserable times?
4. *Read Isaiah 61:3 LB.* How did remembering this kind of promise from God while going through extreme difficulties in your life help you lay your burden down? If you have any experience, share it with your group.
5. *Read Ephesians 1:19-20 LB.* In the verse above, where does the power come from and who can receive it? What can that power be used for?
6. In John 11:25, Jesus said "*I am the resurrection and the life,*" so we must rely on him personally in order to get through pain to days of joy. What specific actions must we take in order to rely on the person of Jesus rather than relying on some philosophical or spiritual principle?

Diving Deeper (optional)

1. Jesus modeled three steps for praying to God when in pain: (1) affirm God's power; (2) complain about the pain; (3) offer your trust: "I want your will, not mine, to be done." The first two steps are relatively easy, but step three is very difficult. Nevertheless, what kinds of benefits do you think you could get by following step three?
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