

DIRTY CHURCH

When Your Lot is a Lot

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1. What is the most difficult unexpected change in your circumstances that you have had to face? What made it so hard?

2. What is the most delightful unexpected change in your circumstances that you have gotten to face? What made it so good?

3. How did you react towards God during both of the experiences (difficult and delightful) you shared?

4. How does the knowledge that your current life situation is assigned to you by God change the way you view it? Does it help you face it or make you frustrated at God because you have to face it? Why or why not?

5. For what reasons do we usually try to make changes to our current life situation? Why do we seek new jobs or new relationships or new homes? Do our reasons reflect the wisdom and values of God and the age to come or the wisdom and values of this present age? How are the two sets of values different (what does God say we should treasure and what does the world say we should treasure)?

6. What kinds of things make a certain set of circumstances unbearable and a change necessary? Are there any reasons that it would be wrong to make a change in your circumstances?

7. How does the knowledge that God is with us in our joys and sorrows influence the way we live in the midst of them? What kinds of practices can we do to remind ourselves of God's presence when we feel discontent or alone?

References Cited in the Sermon... John 21:18-23. Exodus 4:10-12. Psalm 23:4.