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Praise God Anyway

Psalm 145

Danny reminded us that our understanding and experience of God can get distorted by our culture and the 'idols' we make within the world around us. Likewise, our past and our hurts can affect how we see God. Do we still choose to trust God despite what's going on?

1. Read Psalm 145, what stands out to you in this Psalm of praise?
2. What does Psalm 145 tell us about who God is?
3. List some attributes of God that you have seen to be true in your life.. faithful, loving, slow to anger
4. How can you get to know who God is more deeply?
5. Does your understanding of God's character change when you hear of terrible events in the world around you?

Danny reminded us that God is always in control – he is God and he does not change. Satan is a defeated enemy that only has the power we give him. Read Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8, John 16:33, James 1:17 - what do these verses remind us about who God is?

6. What does Psalm 145 tell us about what God has done?
7. If you were writing a Psalm of praise – how would you describe what God has done in your life?
8. When you look back at your life, are there times when you can see that God has been at work in you?
9. When you feel burdened by life around you, does it help you to reflect on times when you have seen God at work in your life?
10. How would you encourage someone who was in a time of crisis or pain to keep trusting in God and what he has done?

Read Psalm 46; Psalm 105:4-5; Isaiah 46:4,9-10; 1 Peter 2:9-10 – what do these verses remind us about what God has done and why?

11. What does Psalm 145 tell us about how we respond to God?
12. Throughout the Bible people have been moved by God and responded to him in unexpected ways; David dancing before the Lord (2 Samuel 6); Job 13:15; Paul and Silas (Acts 16).





13. How do you respond when trouble arises?
14. How do you respond when God breaks through and proves his power and faithfulness? Do you give the glory to him?
15. How can you resolve to respond to trials, pain, disappointment, confusion?

Psalm 145 is an acrostic poem using the letters of the Hebrew alphabet. You might like to write your own acrostic using your language describing God's character, names or attributes, for example:

Almighty Bread of Life Creator Deliverer Everlasting