

OPENING DISCUSSION

When is a time that you truly felt close to God? What was that like?

SERMON

What does David say is the purpose of his affliction? How can affliction draw us closer to God?

How does David's perspective change when He acknowledges God's role in his life?

How does David differentiate between the affliction brought on by his sin and that brought against him by others?

How do God's promises of salvation comfort David in his affliction?

How does God's Word continue to serve as a firm foundation for David to trust in God's goodness?

APPLICATION

Do you have afflictions in your life that are self-inflicted? What about afflictions that are caused by others? How do you tell the difference?

Do you allow your afflictions to turn you back to God? Why or why not?

Do God's promises of salvation give you strength in this life?

What role does God's Word play in your relationship with God?

Not a part of a Life Group at North Hills?

Visit the church website and check out the different groups currently meeting.

When you see one that interests you, click on the link provided and know that the group will be glad you came!

<https://church.north-hills.org/connect/small-group-ministry>



PSALM 119:65-96 (ESV)

You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord, according to your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law. It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments. Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word. I know, O Lord, that your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me. Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. Let the insolent be put to shame, because they have wronged me with falsehood; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts. Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies. May my heart be blameless in your statutes, that I may not be put to shame! My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?" For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes. How long must your servant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me? The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to your law. All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me! They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth. Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants. If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life. I am yours; save me, for I have sought your precepts. The wicked lie in wait to destroy me, but I consider your testimonies. I have seen a limit to all perfection, but your commandment is exceedingly broad.

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An Intimate Conversation with God

Psalm 119:65-96

BIG IDEA:

God makes the _____ for us to have _____ conversations with Him.

1. It's never too _____ to turn back to _____. (Psalm 119:65-72)

2. Affliction from _____ is because of the _____ of God. (Psalm 119:73-80)

3. God _____ salvation to His people. (Psalm 119:81-88)

4. God is _____ and _____. (Psalm 119:89-96)

RESPONSE:

Do you _____ that God has opened the door to true _____?

Read the entire Bible chronologically in a year

See the church newsletter for this week's Bible reading passages.

<https://church.north-hills.org/newsletters/weekly-newsletter>



Hoodies

Youth sizes (YXS-YL): \$50 & tax
Adult sizes (S-5XL): \$60 & tax

Crewnecks

Youth sizes (YXS-YL): \$40 & tax
Adult sizes (S-5XL): \$50 & tax

T-Shirts

Youth sizes (YS-YXL): \$15 & tax
Adult sizes (XS-3XL): \$18 & tax

North Hills Apparel on sale

Submit all orders by September 30. Orders can be made online.

Orders will be delivered in November. Ready for Christmas!

All proceeds will go towards campus improvements.

Go to <https://school.north-hills.org/resources/north-hills-apparel>.

Outdoor Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings

Parents and guardians, we ask that you go to the **main entrance** of the Worship Center to check your child in. After service, please go to the Preschool Playground in a timely fashion to check your child out. While our Sunday morning Children's Worship is designed for children, it is not mandatory children attend. Parents and guardians are welcome to keep their children with them in the Worship Center if they prefer.

The FAMILY ROOM

Want a place to go during the worship service when your young one is crying?

Want a place to go when your newborn needs to be fed?

Want a place to go where the service can be watched?

The Family Room has been designed especially for you!

The Family Room (located on the first floor by the wooden double doors) is for parents who want to care for their children yet do not want to miss out on what is happening in the Worship Center. Parents, we invite you to come inside and make yourself at home.

We also have another room for parents. It is located on the second floor. It is a larger room where children can play and parents can watch the service as it is live streamed. The room next door has a restroom. Please feel free to use it and let us know if there is anything you need.

Parents, we are so glad you are here at North Hills. It is an honor and joy to serve you and your children. May God bless you today.

Communication Cards and Offering Envelopes

At the **main entrance** and **senior parking lot entrance** of the Worship Center, you will find special new boxes when you leave today. If you have filled out a Communication Card or Offering Envelope, please insert them into either of the boxes (please note the boxes will remain out for 15 minutes after the service). For those who prefer to contribute online, simply go to north-hills.org and click on Support NH or text GIVE to (707) 289-7600.