

No Perfect People Allowed

#3: All God Intended You to Be

Ecclesiastes 3:4 *a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance...*

How To Hold On to God While You Wait

My Theory: If I keep a God-focus in my pain, I will
experience God

1. Remember God's power -----

Isaiah 40:22-23 *He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.*

Romans 8:28 *We know that God is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him.*

2. Remember how much -----

1 John 4:8 *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

Matthew 7:9-11 *Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*

3. -----

1 Chronicles 5:20 *They were helped in fighting them, and God handed the Hagrites and all their allies over to them, because they cried out to him during the battle. He answered their prayers, because they trusted in him.*

Acts 17:28 *For in him we live and move and exist.*

John 5:40 *yet you refuse to come to me to have life.*

John 10:10 *I have come that they may have life, and have it to the fullest.*

Acts 5:20 *"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life."*

Matthew 9:35 *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.*

PAPA prayer

Present yourself to God - Be honest! Are you scared? Angry? Confused? Worried? Feeling abandoned? Lonely? TELL HIM! Hold nothing back.

Attend to how you are thinking of God - Remind yourself of the two key truths: He is powerful and cares about you more than you've ever known.

Purify yourself of anything offensive to Him - Admit what you've done that's wrong. He promises to forgive.

Attend to God by giving Him first place in your life - This is a choice. Choose to say to God, "You are #1 to me today. My life is no longer my own. I willingly give it to you. Direct me as you want, but just please come and be with me."