Exploring unanswered prayers

WHEN WE CAN'T SEEM TO KNOW WHERE GOD IS

Overview

What are unanswered prayers?

A few examples in the bible

The impact and Why of unanswered prayers

Jesus' prime example

Lessons and response

How are you and how are things going?

What are unanswered prayers?

WHEN WE CAN'T SEEM TO GET THROUGH

Unanswered prayers in the Bible

Psalm, Habakkuk, Job, David, Jesus

How long, Lord, must I call for help,
    but you do not listen?
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
    but you do not save?
Why do you make me look at injustice?
    Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Destruction and violence are before me;
    there is strife, and conflict
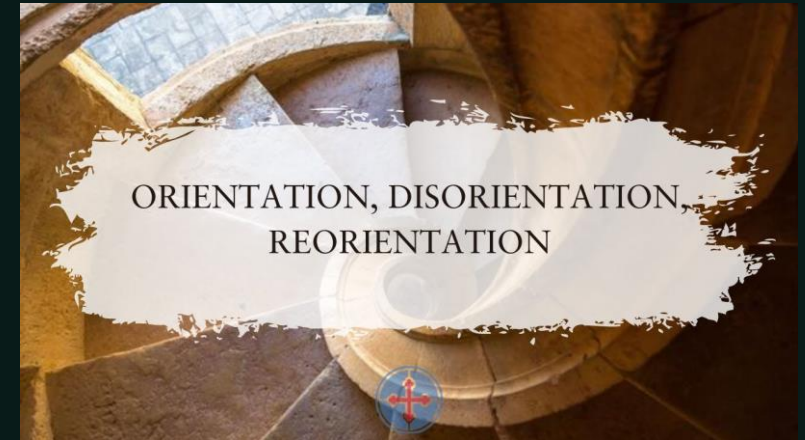abounds. (Habakkuk 1:2-3)

Disorientation - reorientation

Though the fig tree does not bud, and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

ORIENTATION, DISORIENTATION, REORIENTATION

Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

THE PROBLEM OF PAIN

BOOK

Impact of unanswered prayers

Confusion, bewilderment, disappointment, range, grief, isolation and lostness

Disorientation and confusion…. Troubled
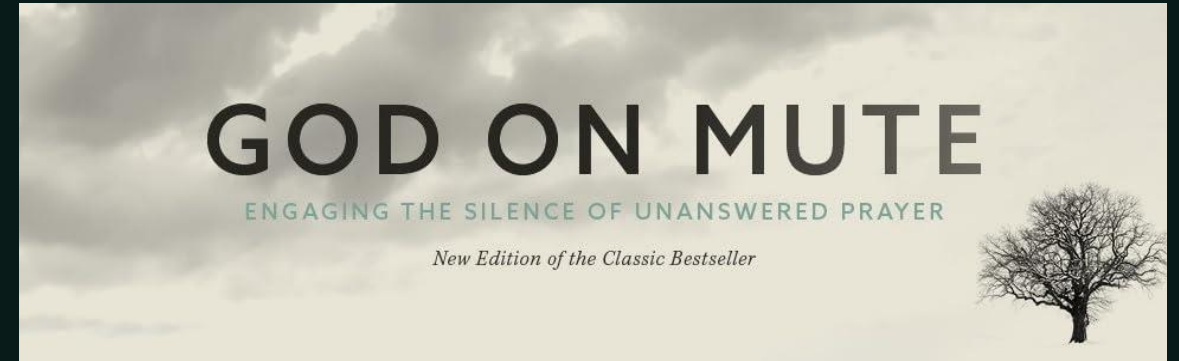
They can lead us into a deeper relationship

The whys of unanswered prayers

- God's world

- God's will

- God's war

GOD ON MUTE

ENGAGING THE SILENCE OF UNANSWERED PRAYER

New Edition of the Classic Bestseller

Immanuel

- PAYMENT FOR OUR SINS (OUR REDEMPTION)

- USHERING IN OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (JUSTIFICATION)

- INVITING US TO HOLINESS DAILY (SANCTIFICATION)

What can we learn?

Emulate Jesus example and honesty

Keep hope alive

Mutual burdens sharing

Cast your burdens to him

Pause for a few moments to consciously place yourself
in the presence of the God who knows your life, your heart,
and your journey, and who promises to be your Emmanuel
for all that is needed…