

**My Soul Cries
Out - God is
Mysterious
and Good**



God is Mysterious

- God disrupts our lives to provide us with what we desperately desire, not what we think we need



God Wants Us to Show His Glory

Before I Was Afflicted I
Went Astray, But Now I
Obey Your Word.

Psalms 119-67

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#1 - God Uses Silence

- The silence of God disrupts our confidence in the stability and safety of life and the predictability of God



#2 - God Allows Us to Feel Abandoned

Psalm 44:23-24

Awake, O Lord!

Why do you sleep?

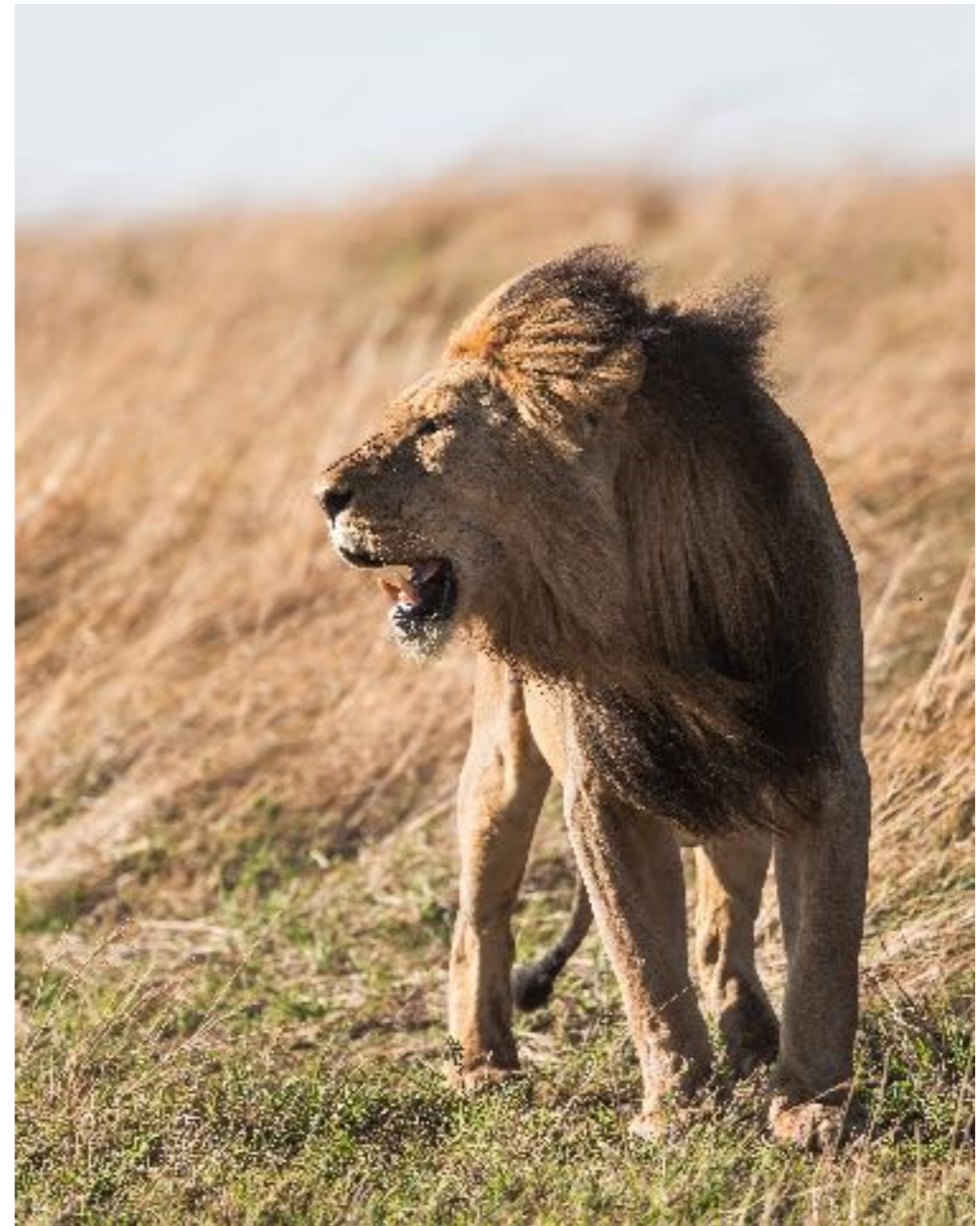
Rouse yourself!

Do not reject us forever.

Why do you hide your face and
forget our misery and oppression?

#3 - God Attacks Us

- God cares enough for us to attack what will destroy us
- God uses silence, abandonment, and assault to confront the idols in our hearts



God Wants Our Heart

Psalm 51:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

God is Good

- God confronts through suffering to make one aware of a spiritual need
- God is the healing physician who binds the wounds of his people (Hos 6:1-2)



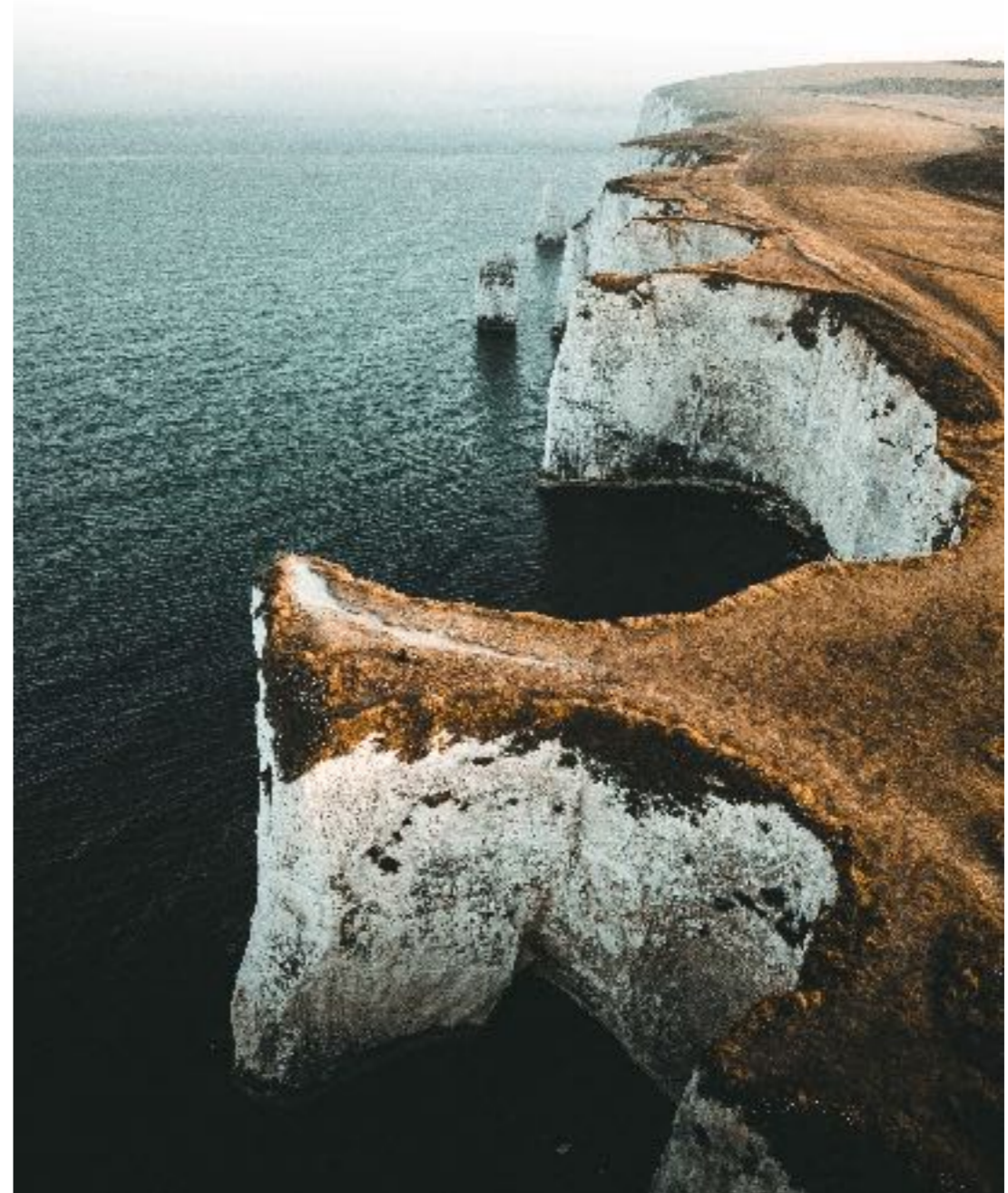
The Irony of God's Goodness Seen at the Cross

- God transforms evil intentions into divine salvation
- God overturns pain by experiencing it



God Reveals the Depth of His Goodness

- We can wrongly assume that in order for suffering to be beneficial it must be:
 1. Temporary
 2. Understandable
 3. Easy to apply lessons learned



God Reveals the Depth of His Goodness

- God restores us
- God parents us
- God gives us rest
- God fills us
- God glorifies us



From Lament To Gratitude To Worship

- Lament -
Thanksgiving -
Praise
- Disorientation -
Reorientation -
Orientation



The Call to Pilgrims

- Embrace emotions without demanding immediate resolution
- Emotions are the echoes of eternity and the call of our heavenly Father



