

## THREE THINGS I LEARNED ABOUT GOD AND MYSELF!

### I. God Is In Control!

#### PSALM 2:1-3 NIV

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup>“Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.”

#### ISAIAH 45:7 NIV

I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

#### He Calmed The Seas! MARK 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening came, He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him.<sup>37</sup> And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. <sup>38</sup>Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, **do You not care that we are perishing?**” <sup>39</sup>**And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.** <sup>40</sup>And He said to them, “**Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?**”<sup>41</sup> **They became very much afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”**

#### LUKE 21:10-11, 14-15, 19 NIV

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>**There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.**

<sup>14</sup>**But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves.** <sup>15</sup>**For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.**

<sup>18</sup>**But not a hair of your head will perish.** <sup>19</sup>**Stand firm, and you will win life.**

### II. We Can, We Must Trust God!

#### PROVERBS 3:5&6 KJV

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. <sup>6</sup>In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

#### LAMENTATIONS 3:21-23 NASB

This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope.<sup>22</sup> **The Lord’s loving kindnesses <sup>(a)</sup>indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail.** <sup>23</sup> **They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.**

**JOHN 10:10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

**JOHN 14:6 NIV** Jesus answered, “**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

**ROMANS 8:28 NIV** And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.**

### **III. About Myself . . . I Love You . . . I Love You Lord Jesus!**

**ISAIAH 53:5 NIV** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

#### **How Great Thou Art**

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

#### **Remember**

- 1. God Is Always In Control!**
- 2. You Can Always Trust God With Everything!**
- 3. Do You Love Him Like He Loves You?**

## **COMMUNION**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**The Bread** While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." **MATTHEW 26:26 NIV**

**The Juice** Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."  
**MATTHEW 26:27-28 NIV**