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CHAPTER 1

HE IS HEALER

Questions for Reflection

1. Read John 9:1–34 and 1 Corinthians 11:27–30. Explain what these passages teach us about why some people are sick.
2. In what ways do you tend to love Jesus with a transactional love? Why doesn't transactional love build healthy relationships?
3. List some good things that you've seen come out of bad situations. How has God taken something dark and used it as a beacon of light? Pray for a renewed perspective on how God can work in the midst of pain. Meditate on Romans 8:28.
4. Why is it so important to pray "your will be done" kinds of prayers? How would you encourage someone who struggles to have this attitude of submission in prayer?
5. What is so dangerous about putting a price on healing? List several ways in which people can get hurt by this kind of teaching.



CHAPTER 2

HE IS PEACE

Questions for Reflection

1. List a few truths from this chapter that encouraged and/or challenged you.
2. Keeping you from prayer is one of the key ways that the devil tries to steal your peace. What are some barriers to your prayer life that keep you from setting aside time to spend with the Lord? How will you overcome those?
3. Some people turn to their net worth, shopping (“retail therapy”), physical fitness, or a successful career to obtain peace. How would you encourage someone who is thriving to still look to Jesus as the ultimate peace?
4. Why is using alcohol or drugs to numb our pain a poor substitute for looking to Jesus?
5. The problem with the rich young ruler (Mark 10:17–22) was not that he was rich but that he loved his riches more than he loved Jesus. List some competing loves that you’re determined to keep second to Jesus. These could even be good things like kids, a thriving career, or affirmation from others. Pray over these with a spouse, friend, or small group and seek accountability concerning them.



CHAPTER 3

HE IS SAVIOR

Questions for Reflection

1. List a few truths from this chapter that encouraged and/or challenged you.
2. In your own words, explain why healing for the soul is more important than healing for the body.
3. When we are experiencing pain or trials in life, it can be a challenge to see something like salvation as more important than relief of our suffering. What passages from Scripture can encourage us to develop an eternal perspective?
4. Read the following passages and write down what each one says about how a person may come to faith in the Savior.
 - a. Matthew 4:17
 - b. Romans 10:9
 - c. Romans 10:17
 - d. Ephesians 2:8–10
 - e. Revelation 3:20
5. Do you see the evidences of God's powerful work in your life? Which ones from the list at the end of the chapter are most obvious? What ones are you trusting the Lord to keep growing in you?



CHAPTER 4

HE IS HOPE

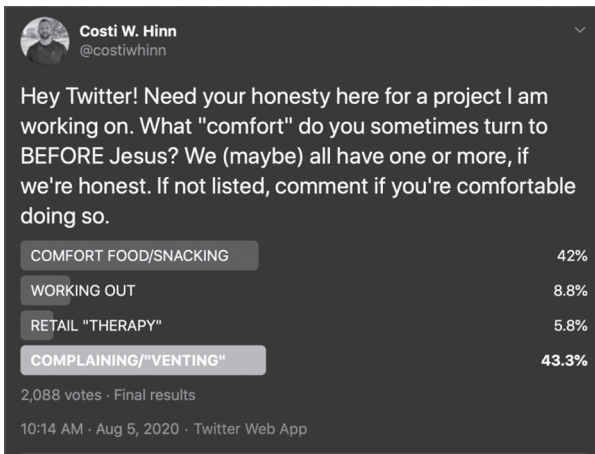
Questions for Reflection

1. List a few truths from this chapter that encouraged and/or challenged you.
2. Out of all the hope breakers, which one(s) hit home for you? Why?
3. Out of all the hope builders, which one(s) encouraged you? Why?
4. How is forgetfulness linked to hopelessness? How do you combat forgetfulness?
5. Loneliness can be a major factor in contributing to hopelessness. Is there someone you can encourage this week by spending more time with him or her?



CHAPTER 5

HE IS COMFORT



Questions for Reflection

1. List a few truths from this chapter that encouraged and/or challenged you.
2. Which do you struggle with the most: contentment or comparison? Why?

3. Why is it vital for people who are sick, suffering, and hurting to remember that they can be useful, powerful vessels in God's hand? Have you ever experienced encouragement and inspiration from a suffering Christian's perspective?
4. List three or four distractions that regularly hinder your prayer life. What steps can you take to immediately prioritize uninterrupted prayer each day?
5. What can you do to support your church or local community by bringing comfort to those around you who are hurting? Read 1 John 3:17–18 and commit to putting this into action.



CHAPTER 6

HE IS GOOD

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF SUFFERING AND TRIALS USED BY GOD

THE PERSON	THE PAIN	THE PURPOSE
Jesus (Isa. 53; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24)	Jesus is beaten, mocked, tortured, denied, abandoned; he takes on sin for the sinner's sake; he is killed on a cross.	Present: Jesus pays the penalty of sin; God's wrath is satisfied. Future: Believers are given eternal life; there is hope for humanity.
Job (Job 1–3; 38–42)	Job loses his kids, his health, and his wealth; his wife says, "Curse God!"	Present: Job experiences a deeper relationship with God, is blessed by God, is restored. He refutes the arguments of his friends and proves he is not being punished for his sins. Future: Job shows us that trials are not always punishment for sin. He shows that we can endure terrible trials and still bless and worship God, and that by doing so, we prove our faith, defeat Satan, and vindicate God's goodness.
Paul (2 Cor. 12:7–10)	An unspecified "thorn in the flesh" plagues Paul. He prays to have it removed, but God won't alleviate his torment.	Present: Paul experiences the extravagance of God's grace and learns that God's power is perfected in weak people. He teaches this truth to the Corinthian church. Future: Believers learn to accept God's no and rely on his power when they are weak.

Elizabeth (Luke 1:5–45)	A righteous and faithful wife, Elizabeth endures the disgrace of infertility.	Present: In her old age, Elizabeth is shown the favor of the Lord and miraculously gives birth to John the Baptist; she supports Mary and shares the joy of her becoming the mother of the Messiah. Future: Elizabeth is a model of faithfulness and an example to all believers, as one of the first people to ever proclaim Jesus as her Lord.
Peter (Luke 22:31–34)	Satan asks permission to sift Peter like wheat—and is allowed. Peter denies Jesus and fails him.	Present: Peter is restored, becomes a pillar of strength in the early church. He suffers faithfully, never to deny his Lord again. Future: Peter shows believers that personal failure cannot separate them from the love and saving power of Jesus.

Questions for Reflection

1. List a few truths from this chapter that encouraged and/or challenged you.
2. Write down one example of a time when you were experiencing a painful trial but could still see how God is good. Next, write down one example of a time when you were experiencing great blessing and could see how God is good.
3. Read the following passages and jot down one clear truth from each about the goodness of God.
 Luke 18:19
 James 1:17
 Psalm 34:8
4. Why is it so important for Christians to evaluate God's goodness according to his character rather than their circumstances?
5. Who can you encourage with the truths you've learned or been reminded of in this chapter? Call, text, or email that person today.



CHAPTER 7

HE IS LOVE

Questions for Reflection

1. List a few truths from this chapter that encouraged and/or challenged you.
2. Out of all the actions listed from 1 Corinthians 13:4–8, which do you struggle with the most and why? Which are not as much of a struggle and why?
3. When speaking the hard truth to others, what should our approach be in both attitude and actions? Read Ephesians 4:15, Colossians 4:5–6, and James 3:1–18 and add biblical truths to your answer.
4. How can a chapter like this strengthen us during hard times and draw us closer to Jesus?
5. Has the Holy Spirit convicted you regarding the definition of love and how you show love? Name one or two people in your life whom you can begin to love better according to what you've learned in this chapter.
6. List one or two ways in which you want to devote yourself more to Jesus.



CHAPTER 8

HE IS JUSTICE

Questions for Reflection

1. List a few truths from this chapter that encouraged and/or challenged you.
2. There is a lot of controversy and debate over justice in our world. What are some of the wrong ways to go about seeking justice? Why do you think people opt for these approaches?
3. Why do you think some Christians shy away from the topic of social justice?
4. Even though the gospel is a message, when the gospel transforms people, it would seem reasonable to assume those people would live out their faith and change the world around them. How do you stay balanced in viewing the gospel as a message of repentance and faith while still being motivated to social action that loves neighbors and makes the world a better place?
5. Out of the ten marks of Jesus' kind of justice, which have you neglected or not thought of as much? Which do you live out in your life?



CHAPTER 9

HE IS SOVEREIGN

Questions for Reflection

1. List a few truths from this chapter that encouraged and/or challenged you.
2. Some people will use God's sovereignty as an excuse not to pray. Even though God is sovereign, why should we still be eager to pray?
3. Do you ever get stuck in your prayer life? How might the ACTS model of prayer guide your prayers and sharpen your focus?
4. Having more knowledge about God can sometimes cause us to become puffed up with pride, thinking we are superior to others because we know more. What does 1 Corinthians 8:1 teach us about this dangerous attitude?
5. How has this book brought you closer to Jesus?