

Where is God When It Hurts?

Psalm 42:1-11

Philip Yancey says, “It’s not about how you feel. Feelings can’t be _____.”

The Bible says that the heart is deceitful above all things and _____; who can know it. (*Jeremiah 17:9*)

God wants us to choose to love him freely, even when that choice involves _____.

Good and Evil:

Corrupt _____ are the ones who bring chaos, grief, suffering and pain.

God’s nature is not to bite but to _____. The unredeemed nature bites, this is what Paul says in Galatians 5:15.

How do we redeem that which we can’t seem to remove?

It starts with the _____ that all things work together for good to those who love God.

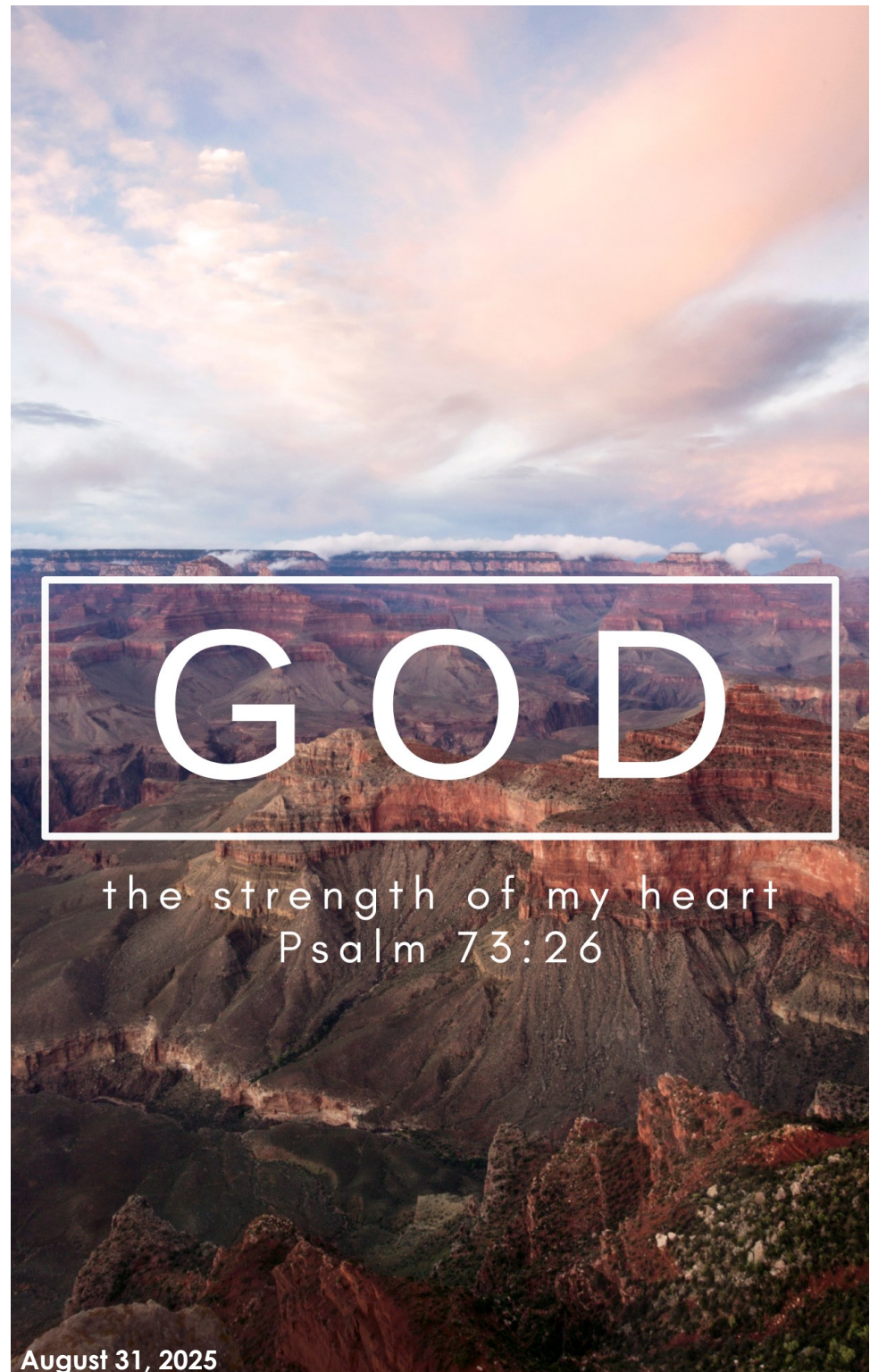
Redeeming the Bad: (_____)

Every major passage in the New Testament on suffering talks about **p**_____ and **h**_____ and **p**_____ and all these good things – that’s *redeemed* pain.

People I know who have redeemed the pain in their lives:

As Philip Yancey points out, “To judge God by (disasters) ... is to judge God by a beautiful work of art that has been spoiled by a _____.”

Yet, once bad things happen, we have a choice: We can either become resentful and demoralized, or we can look for ways to be resilient and create something good and meaningful.



Welcome to First Baptist Church of Lakewood

August 31, 2025

Welcome & Prayer	Pastor Walt Kelcy
Scripture Reading	David Kendrick
Psalm 42:1-11	
Congregational Songs	
Solo	Stephanie Deyo
Sermon	Pastor Walt Kelcy
"Where is God When It Hurts?"	
Invitation	
Offering & Announcements	
Closing Prayer	

Our Mission Statement

We exist to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord by seeking, teaching and caring for the people in our church, community and world.

**worship services are recorded for live stream & replay online*

Tonight: Church-wide Pie Social

Say "goodbye" to summer with us at the church-wide a pie social tonight at 6 PM! Join us for an evening of fun, friends & family—and bring a favorite pie to share if you're able! *Join us at 5 PM at the church before the Social for Watchman Prayer tonight.*

Awana Club Begins September 10!

The new Awana year for kids ages 3 years old through Grade 6 begins Wednesday, September 10 from 6:30-8:00 PM! Stop by the Awana table in the lobby today for more info.

Wednesday Night Youth Group

Our 7th-12th graders will kick off a new Wednesday Night Bible study September 10th at 6:30 PM. Students, join us for fun, bible study, games & fellowship on Wednesday nights!

New Discipleship Classes

There's a number of discipleship classes starting this fall:

Mondays @ 6:30 PM—begins September 8

"The Great Disappearance" (co-ed) - this 5-week study by Dr. David Jeremiah will focus on an event in Biblical prophecy: The Rapture. In this study, we will look at the meaning of the word rapture, the difference between the rapture and the second coming, and the joy of expecting our Savior to come at any given moment. *(This class is also offered on Friday mornings.)*

Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM—begins September 9

Ladies' Precept Bible Study - the ladies' Precept class will begin a new study this fall on the Old Testament Kings & Prophets. See Stephanie Deyo for more info.

Wednesdays @ 9:30 AM—begins September 10

Ladies' Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) - the new BSF year begins Sept. 10th! Learn more about BSF at their website: bsfinternational.org

Fridays @ 10 AM—begins September 12

"The Great Disappearance" (co-ed) - see above for class details

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Deacon of the Week
Scott Hardwick

Watchman Prayer

Join us for a time of prayer every Sunday at 5 PM. For directions & for info about becoming a Watchman Host, contact Pastor Phil Roy (phil@fbclakewood.org; 253-582-1000).

Tonight's Watchman Prayer:
At the Church