

What You Can Expect From God

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 John 3:1-2.

B. The objective is to be comforted. (Isaiah 40:1)

C. We are called sons of God. (1 John 3; 2:29; Psalm 18:3-4)

II. The wonder of God's love. We can never earn this gift.

III. The wonder of being God's children.

IV. Response to the storms of life.

A. We can choose to accept the trial. There is no promise of a quick cure.

B. We can count on...

1. God's love for us.

2. God's grace and strength to do what we cannot do for ourselves. (Job 34; Colossians 1)

3. God does not allow adversity that is not for our ultimate good and his glory. (Romans 8:28)

4. God continuing to be God. He has our best interest at heart and knows what is best for us. (Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 1:8)

C. We can trust God and press on. (Genesis 48:7)

Application questions:

1. How can we introduce others to the awe and wonder of God?

2. How can we coach someone through suffering?

3. What has God taught you in your suffering?
