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““So Moses told the people of Israel what the Lord had said, but they refused to listen anymore. They had become too discouraged by the brutality of their slavery.” Exodus 6:9 (NLT)

“Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again— my Savior and” Psalm 42:5 (NLT)

Truth #1:
Jesus is always
closer than you
think



“One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?” “What things?...” “but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. Luke 24:21 (NIV84)

““The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted...” Luke 4:18 (NKJV)

Truth #2:
God always sees
the Bigger Picture



“He [Jesus] said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” Luke 24:25–26 (NIV84)

“... he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan. Ephesians 1:11 (NLT)

Truth #3:
God's Timing is
always Perfect



“God ... does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NCV)

“This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours. Isaiah 55:8-9 (TLB)

Truth #4:
God's always has a
better direction



[God]... is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinity beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)

“When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (The Living Bible)