

BIG IDEA: _____

1. Living with _____ is better.

→ *What about Jesus?* (Luke 23:1-25)

Jesus' life revealed a good name to a pagan governor.

2. Living with _____ is better.

Better	Not Better
Day of death	
House of mourning	House of feasting
	Laughter
House of mourning	House of mirth

Conclusions:

- _____ makes us think. (2)
- Sorrow can oddly result in _____. (3)

→ *What about Jesus?* (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Jesus endured His death looking beyond His death.

3. Living with _____ is better.

- Ears that _____.

→ *What about Jesus?*

Jesus listened correction and criticism from Christians and non-Christians when he was perfectly right in every instance.

- Eyes that _____.

→ *What about Jesus?* (Luke 4:18)

Jesus came to "set at liberty those who are oppressed."

4. Living with _____ is better.

"A man of quick temper acts foolishly." Proverbs 14:17

→ *What about Jesus?* (Luke 22:47-53)

Jesus in the face of betrayal, physical violence and threats reacted with patience and without anger.

5. Living with a healthy perspective on _____ and _____ is better.

nostalgia = a wistful or excessively sentimental _____ to or of some past period or irrecoverable condition

→ *What about Jesus?* (Luke 9:51-53)

Jesus rejected a sentimental view of the past for a higher calling in the present.

Conclusion: _____

- Day of prosperity - _____
- Day of adversity - _____

“God purposefully set up good and bad days in order to hide the future from even the wise.”

Tremper Longman

Jesus' life connected to mine:

In Jesus, I have a good name because I am called by Christ's name.

In Jesus, I have the humility to accept rebuke and the power to move towards oppression.

In Jesus, I have the fruit of the Spirit of patience; therefore, anger does not have to rule me.

In Jesus, I can joyfully live in today without romanticizing yesterday while looking forward to tomorrow.

In Jesus, I can recognize that God is my Father; therefore, no matter what a day holds I know it is in the hands of my good Father.

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