

Chapter 4 Reflection Questions: Christ Our Power - The Position of the Christian

1. "When Christ is on the throne, everything is in order." Who is on *your* "throne": Christ or yourself? Describe.

2. Read Habakkuk 3:17-18 and personalize it: "Though ______, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." Despite what you may be experiencing, how can you yet rejoice in the Lord?

3. "Not everyone who disagrees with you is your enemy." Consider this statement in today's climate. Karen shared two points that can help us in times of disagreement: 1) What can you learn from someone who thinks differently than you and 2) Who Jesus is and what the Gospel message is should have been enough to unite them. Can you apply either of these thoughts to a current relationship or situation?

4. "Live high above the fences." What does this statement mean and how can you apply it in your life?

5. Don't worry but pray. Meditate on the opposite of Psalm 23 and on what occurs when one does not realize (or live) as though the Lord is *her* Shepherd. Is there an area of your life in which you have forgotten that you have a Shepherd?

6. How would you describe your thought life in light of verse 8? Are there any thoughts that you need to "take out," as with the trash?

7. "The rat of worry or the rat of ______." (Fill in the blank with your own "rat.") How can you, practically speaking, "kill the rat" by going higher with Jesus (setting your mind on things above)?

8. "Sometimes the best place for us is the low place because that is where we can see God clearly." Describe an instance where you have been blessed by being in a "low place" because you have seen Him more clearly. How can this encourage you in your current situation? Who can you share this encouragement with today?

9. Read Romans 8:28. Is there an area that you need to give to the Lord, through prayer and by faith, and trust that *even this* will be worked together for your good?

10. Consider this summary of our Philippians study and respond below with what you have learned, what has challenged you, what you long for the Lord to still work in you, etc. Make this response your prayer.

- 1) God started a good work in you and He will complete it.
- 2) Put on the mind of Christ: He was a lowly servant.
- 3) Rejoice in trials because they are working only for your good.
- 4) Do not worry.
- 5) Pray and receive God's peace.
- 6) Godliness with contentment is great gain. Jesus is enough.
- 7) What would be written about *you*?
- 8) People cannot take your joy because people did not give it to you.