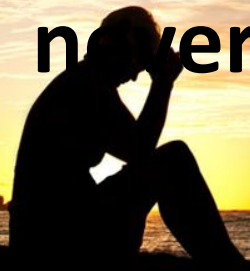


**I can't pretend that  
I'm okay anymore.  
I can't fake it  
anymore.  
I'm hopeless,  
helpless  
and I'm afraid I'll  
never get better.**



# Finding God's Strength In Our Weakness

**Strength To Persevere**

**4:1-18**

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# Refuse To Compromise Your Character

## *DON'T*

- *Lose heart*
- *Act in secret*
- *Do shameful things*
- *Be deceptive*
- *Distort the word of God*



# Refuse To Compromise Your Character

## DO

- *Set forth the truth plainly*
- *Proclaim Jesus as Lord*
- *Remember you are a servant of God*



# Remember God Has A Purpose For Your Pain

- *So we can comfort others* **1:3-4**
- *So we learn to rely on Him* **1:9**
- *So Jesus is revealed in us* **4:7,11**
- *So God will be glorified as faithful* **4:15**



# God is Glorified as Faithful When...

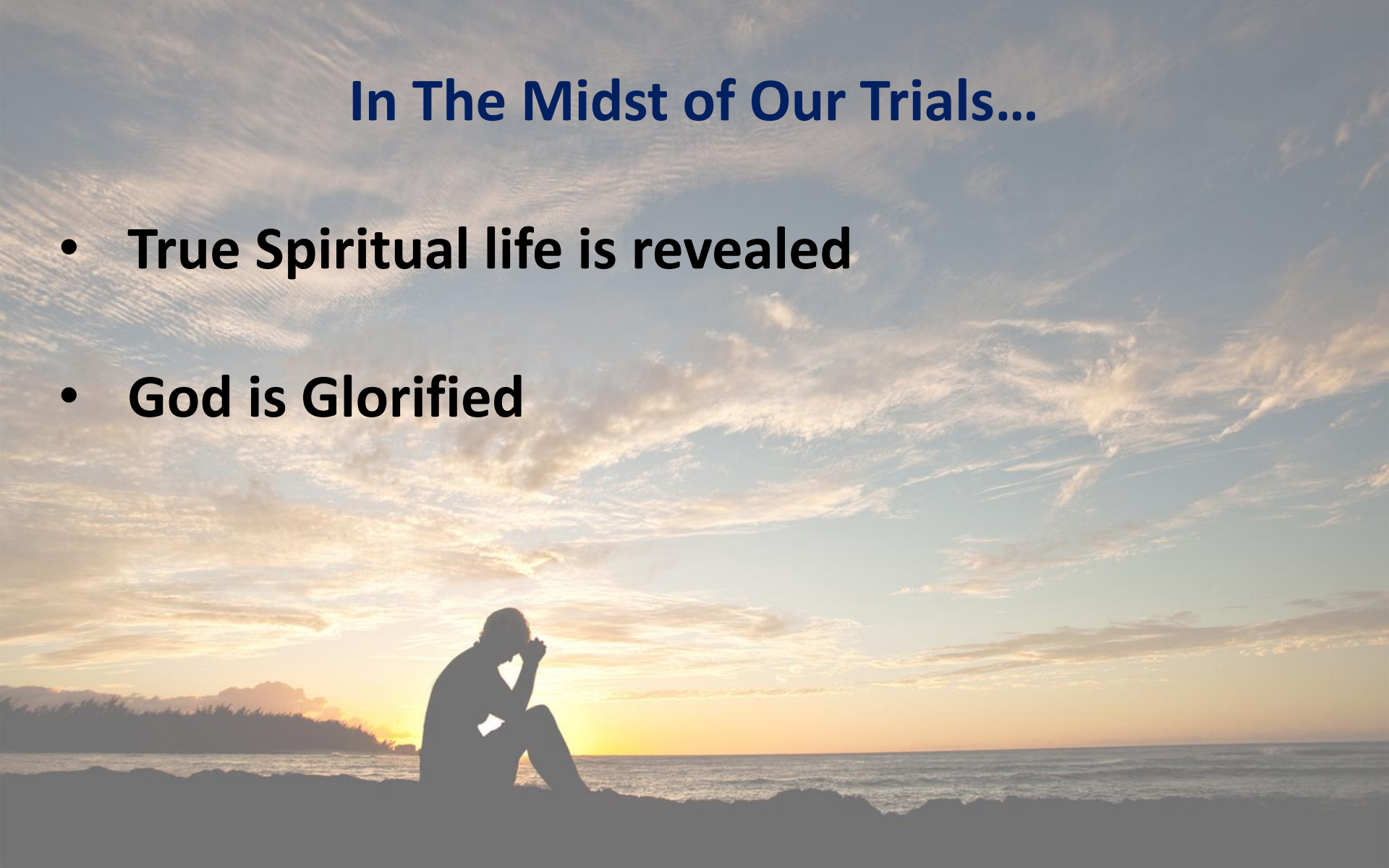
*His POWER is seen at work in us!*

- |                |     |            |
|----------------|-----|------------|
| • Hard pressed | not | Crushed    |
| • Perplexed    | not | Despairing |
| • Persecuted   | not | Abandoned  |
| • Struck down  | not | Destroyed  |



# In The Midst of Our Trials...

- **True Spiritual life is revealed**
- **God is Glorified**



# Focus On The End Result Not The Process

- *Outwardly Wasting Away*      *Inwardly Being Renewed*
- *Light Momentary Troubles*      *Eternal Glory*
- *Don't Look at what is seen*      *Look at what is unseen*





# What Is Unseen?

- *The Work of God Behind the Scenes of your life: Ruth*
- *The Unimaginable Power of God for You: Tomb*
- *The Future Only God Knows Isaiah 43:14-21*



# Strength To Persevere Comes When...

- We don't compromise our character
  - ~ We pray, *"God help me live with integrity."*
- We hold onto the Purpose of God.
  - ~ We pray, *"God help me understand your purpose."*
- We focus on the **RESULT** not the **PROCESS**.
  - ~ We pray, *"God help me see the future you see!"*

