

***Brokenness: Experiencing God's Grace When
Physical Blessings are Removed
Deuteronomy 8:1-9
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Introduction

Cultivating Deeper Dependence on God

God loves to bless us. Philippians 4:19

Responses when physical blessings are withheld.

Unbiblical responses:

1. I didn't pray *enough*.
2. I didn't work hard *enough*.

Biblical responses:

1. I am habitually sinning.
2. I am lazy.
3. I can't handle it. Proverbs 30:8-9
4. I am learning to depend more on God.

God desires for us to depend on Him more.

- Application: pray before you worry or talk to someone else.

How God cultivates dependence:

Motivations for obedience:

1. I obey for me.
2. I obey for others.
3. I obey for God.

➤ Application: pray to see God's purposes.

Reminder: I am not alone; God is with me.

Deuteronomy 8:1-9

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. ² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

⁶ Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.