

INSIDE OUT REFLECTION AND RESOURCES

WEEK 3: DEPRESSION

Scripture:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble...Be still and know that I am God.

PSALM 46:1, 10

Reflection:

- In the last week, what moments are you most grateful for?
- What depression or discouragement have you been carrying with you on your own?
- What would it look like for you to turn toward God as your refuge and strength when you are weak?

Prayer:

Spend some time in silent prayer with God. You can use the PRAY acronym below to guide you.

- P: Praise Spend some time thanking God for who He is in your life.
- R: Real life Spend some time engaging God about your real needs and concerns.
- A: Ask Ask for God's provision, love, and power to be made known to people in your life.
- Y: Your will Spend some time being silent and listening for God's direction.

"Father, thank you that you are a refuge and strength in times of trouble. Remind me that I can be still and trust you are always good, especially when things are difficult. Help me to let go of the things I cannot control and have the courage to change the things I can. I ask for the grace to rely on your power rather than my own when I experience depression and discouragement. Please help me to be a safe place of love and encouragement to everyone I meet today. Amen."





A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO FIGHTING DEPRESSION



RESOURCES FOR CONVERSATION AND FURTHER STUDY:

- For Family discussion and prayer
- A 40-day devotional on resiliency
- <u>Invitation to join my team</u> This letter written by an individual battling depression may be a helpful resource for those suffering from depression as well as for family and friends of someone facing this struggle.

BOOKS, ARTICLES, AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ON DEPRESSION:

- Depression: Looking Up from the Stubborn Darkness, Edward T. Welch
- Seen, Will Hutcherson-help for parenting your teen through anxiety and depression
- Gethope.net/care for help finding counseling and support
- Total Forgiveness Workshop, Oct 8 -9 at Hope's Raleigh campus

MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES:

Right Now Media Video Resources:

- Free membership from Hope
 - o Mental Health, Dr. Jeff Baker
 - o Facing and Overcoming Anxiety, Jonathan Pokluda
 - o Changes that Heal, Henry Cloud
 - o Free of Me, Sharon Miller
 - o Steps to Freedom in Christ, Neil Anderson

