

FACING DARKNESS, FINDING HOPE

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“He wrapped himself in a trench coat of black rain-cloud darkness.”
- 2 Samuel 22:12 (The Message)

“God has blocked my path and turned my light to darkness.” - Job 19:8 (LB)

“Answer me, O Lord my God; give me light in my darkness lest I die.”
- Psalm 13:3 (LB)

“I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.”
- Isaiah 45:3 (NIV)

GOD HAS _____ RICHES IN THE DARKNESS OF SUFFERING

“I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches hidden in secret places . . .”

“But He knows the way I take; when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”
- Job 23:10 (NASB)

“These trials are only to test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold — and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold. So if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.”
- 1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

So that you may know**GOD HAS THE POWER TO _____ IN OUR DARKNESS**

“I am the LORD, the God of Israel . . .”

“The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: ‘I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble.’”
- Isaiah 57:15a (NLT)

“Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.”
- Psalm 147:5 (ESV)

GOD WILL BE _____ TO US IN OUR DARKNESS

“ . . . who summons you by name.”

“ . . . so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him. He doesn’t play hide-and-seek with us. He’s not remote; he’s near.”
- Acts 17:27b (The Message)

“Now we see but a poor reflection; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”
- 1 Corinthians 13:12 (NIV)

What we _____ leads us to worship

“At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.’”
- Job 1:20-21 (NIV)

There are many things you can praise God for, even in pain:

- That He is a good and loving God (Job 10:12)
- That He notices every detail of my life (Job 23:10; 31:4)
- That He is in control (Job 34:13)
- That He has a plan for my life (Job 23:14)

_____ in the Darkness:

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’”
- John 8:12 (ESV)

“Lord, you have brought light to my life; my God, you light up my darkness.”
- Psalm 18:28 (NLT)

面對黑暗，尋找盼望

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“他把自己包裹在黑暗密雲的風衣中。” - 撒母耳記下 22:12 (信息本意譯)

“上帝攔阻我的去路，使我的光明變為黑暗。” - 約伯記 19:8 (LB 意譯)

“求祢應允我，我主我神！在黑暗中賜我光明，免我死亡。”
- 詩篇 13:3 (LB 意譯)

“我要賜你隱藏在黑暗中的珍寶，就是那些隱密的財富…好叫你知道我是上主，是以色列的上帝，那提名召喚你的。” - 以賽亞書 45:3 (新普及譯本)

上帝把財寶_____在苦難的暗處

“我要賜你隱藏在黑暗中的珍寶，就是那些隱密的財富…”

“但他知道我要去哪裏，他試煉我，我就會純淨如精金。”
- 約伯記 23:10 (新普及譯本)

“這些試煉要顯明你們的信心是真信心，它要像金子一樣，經過火的試驗和提煉，但你們的信心遠比金子寶貴。經過許多試煉之後，只要你們的信心仍然堅定，它就會在耶穌基督向全世界顯現的那日，帶給你們許多稱讚、榮耀、尊榮。”
- 彼得前書 1:7 (新普及譯本)

好叫你知道**上帝有能力_____我們的黑暗**

“我是上主，是以色列的上帝…”

“永活的至高至上者，就是那位聖者這樣說：「我住在至高聖潔的地方，也與心靈痛悔和謙卑的人同在。」”
- 以賽亞書 57:15 上 (新普及譯本)

“我們的主多麼偉大！他的能力至高！他的智慧無法測度！”
- 詩篇 147:5 (新普及譯本)

上帝在我們的黑暗中與我們_____

“…那提名召喚你的。”

“…因此我們可以尋求上帝，不只是在黑暗中摸索，但實際上找到了他，他沒有與我們玩捉迷藏，他並不遙遠，他近在咫尺。”
- 使徒行傳 17:27 下 (信息本意譯)

“如今我們只看到模糊的倒影，但將來我們會面對面看見。如今我只知道一部份，但將來我會完全了解，就如上帝完全了解我一樣。”
- 哥林多前書 13:12 (NIV 意譯)

我們對上帝的_____，使我們敬拜

“約伯站起來，悲痛地撕破外袍。他剃光頭髮，俯伏在地上敬拜，說：「我赤身出娘胎，也要赤身離世。上主賞賜我的，上主又取走了；上主的名當受頌讚！」”
- 約伯記 1:20-21 (新普及譯本)

即使在痛苦中，有許多事是你可以讚美上帝的：

- 祂是善良而慈愛的上帝 (約伯記 10:12)
- 祂留意我們每個生活細節 (約伯記 23:10; 31:4)
- 祂在掌權 (約伯記 34:13)
- 祂對我們的生命有計劃 (約伯記 23:14)

黑暗中的_____：

“耶穌又對眾人說：「我就是世界的光。跟從我的人，絕不會在黑暗裏行走，卻要得到生命的光。」”
- 約翰福音 8:12 (中文標準譯本)

“你點亮我的燈，上主我的上帝照亮我的黑暗。” - 詩篇 18:28 (新普及譯本)