



# AIRPLANE MODE

## HOPE IN THE BATTLE

Matthew 6:13; Psalm 73 (ESV)

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. – Matthew 6:13 (ESV)*

#### **How to pray in the battle:**

*For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. – Psalm 73:3 (ESV)*

- **Call out to God and get real**

*All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. – Psalm 73:13 (ESV)*

*But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. – Psalm 73:2 (ESV)*

- **Enter the sanctuary of God's heart with others**

*But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. – Psalm 73:16 – 17 (ESV)*

- **Renew hope in the Word**

*... until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. – Psalm 73:17 (ESV)*

*Truly You set them in slippery places; You make them fall to ruin. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when You rouse Yourself, You despise them as phantoms. – Psalm 73:18 – 20 (ESV)*

*You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory. – Psalm 73:24 (ESV)*

*Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. – Psalm 73:25 – 26 (ESV)*

- **Look for His Hand**

*I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward You. Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold my right hand. – Psalm 73:22 – 23 (ESV)*

*But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works. – Psalm 73:28 (ESV)*



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Pastor Jon shared the story behind the hymn "*It Is Well with My Soul*." Google some lyrics from the song and discuss why it has had such an enduring impact for the last 150 years.
- Read Psalm 73:2. Why does God welcome us to be real in prayer and come as we are, even when we may be full of doubts and cynicism?
- What stands out to you most in Psalm 73?
- Why is it so important to enter the sanctuary of God's heart in worship with others, even when we lack confidence in God?
- How does immersing ourselves in God's Word renew our hope, especially when we are struggling?
- What is a promise from God or a truth about God's character that you need to be reminded of in the face of your current battles in life?
- Read Psalm 73:28. Asaph has come a long way with God by the end of his prayer. What is a step of faith God may be inviting you to take as you come to Him with your current life battles?
- Read Psalm 73:22 – 23. How does God "*hold our hand*" even when we are treating Him like a "*beast*"? What is the power in that message when we feel like we are spiraling away from God?
- If you participated in the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, what is something God taught you through it? What has God been teaching you about prayer?