

“God, this doesn’t feel like goodness and mercy!”

v.6 - Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE MEANING OF THESE WORDS....

Goodness - good things, _____, that which is _____
II Chron. 6:41 – May your saints rejoice in Your goodness
Ps. 107:9 – He fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Mercy - _____, lovingkindness, _____ Lam. 3:22 - It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not...they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness.

Ps. 25:10 – the paths of the Lord are mercy

Goodness takes care of my steps, mercy takes care of my stumbles

But what about those times when it doesn't end up so well....

Daniel 3:17, 18 – (the boys to the king) If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

There are some very important things in their statement to the King.

A. God is able to deliver us. Your faith is only as good as the _____ of your faith!

B. However, we acknowledge that you do have the power to throw us into the furnace. Faith does not ignore _____.

C. God expects us to do _____, regardless.

So Job could say: “though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him.”

God didn’t deliver them FROM the furnace. But God did deliver them _____ the furnace. And He walked with them in the fire.

Ps. 23:6 is Middle C!!

