WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

Psalm 69:1-36

Introduction:_____

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How should a Christian respond when the going gets tough?

I. FIRST, NOTICE DAVID'S DANGEROUS *DILEMMA* (Psalm 69:1-12).

A. First, note how he felt like he was *drowning* (69:1-3).

B. Secondly, understand that his dilemma was not of his own *doing* (59:2a, 3a).

C. Thirdly, he felt that his life was *"out of control* (69:3-12).

1. First, he thought his life was out of control because of life's *instabilities* (69:3).

2. Secondly, he thought his life was out of control because of unmet *expectations* (69:4).

3. Thirdly, he thought his life was out of control because of personal and past *failures* (69:5).

4. Fourthly, he thought his life seemed out of control because of public *shame* (69:6-12).

II. SECONDLY, CONSIDER HIS SACRED *SOLUTION* (Psalm 69:13-38).

A. First, David prayed to the Lord, not *people* (69:13a).

B. Secondly, David trusted God's *timing*, not his (69:13b).

C. Thirdly, David lavished in God's *love*, not his problems (69:13c).

D. Fourthly, David petitioned God's *power* and *purpose*, not his plans (69:14-36).

1. First, notice the *nature* of his request (69:14-15).

2. Secondly, consider the *hope* of his heart (69:16-18).

3. Thirdly, note the *hatred* of men (69:19-21).

4. Fourthly, hear his *call* for judgment (69:22-29).

5. Fifthly, consider his _____ to praise (69:30-36).

   a. First, his praise _____ prayer (69:30-32).

   b. Secondly, his praise _____ the Lord (69:33-36).

CONCLUSION: Let's summarize the chapter:

1. **The Psalm starts with _____ and ends with _____.**

2. **The Psalm goes from _____ to _____.**

3. **The Psalm goes from _____ to _____.**