**You Asked For it** (Graphic)

#5. Discovering God’s purpose for my life.

#4. Surviving life’s worst moments.

(Psalm 13:1-4)

“**How long, Lord?** Will you **forget** me forever? **How long** will you **hide** your face from me**? How long** must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have **sorrow** in my heart? **How long** will my **enemy triumph over me**? Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, “I will overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice when I fall.”

1. **How long will you forget me?**

God’s **delay** is not God’s **disregard**.

1. **How long will you hide?**

(Romans 8:38-39)

“For **I am convinced** that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will **be able to separate us from the love of God** that is **in Christ** Jesus our Lord.”

1. **How long will I be sad?**

Greif occurs when we **lose** something **precious**. The greater the value we attach to what was lost, the greater the **despair**.

(John 11:25,26)

“**I am the resurrection and the life**. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. **Do you believe this?**”

1. **How long will my problems control me?**

(Romans 8:35,37)

“**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ**? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...No, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him who loved us**.”

(Psalm 13:5,6)

“**But I trust in your unfailing love**; my heart **rejoices** in your salvation. I will **sing** the Lord’s praise, for he has **been good to me**.”

Despite adversity, we have a **reason** to **rejoice**!

May your “**How longs**?” be swallowed up by your “**Hallelujahs**!”