

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

A Hymn for Loss and Disappointment

TUNE: Amazing Grace (repeat the last phrase of the music)

Isaiah 55:8-9; Habakkuk; Matthew 6:9-10; Romans 8:28

♩ = 84

Unison G G/D G Bm Bm/F# Bm7 C C/E Am/F# G G/F#

1. Your ways are not our ways, O God, Your
 2. We bow be - fore You, Sov - 'reign God. Our
 3. Our hopes and plans will dis - ap - point And
 4. Lord, You re - deem each grief and loss And

Em Em/B Em A9 A9/E A D sus D sus/A D G G G/D G

thoughts, for - ev - er true. Your time is
 hearts at last are still. The root and
 pleas - ant streams run dry, But You are
 draw our hearts a - bove. There all will

G/B G/F# C C/B Am7 D sus D D/F# Em Em/F# Em/G G/D D#°7

al - ways per - fect, Lord. We hum - bly trust in
 fruit of prayer are this: We on - ly want Your
 rich, un - chang - ing joy, A con - stant, sweet sup -
 show and shout and sing That You are al - ways

Em Em/D A7/C# D Em Em/F# Em/G G/D D7 G G/D G

You. We rest and wait on You.
 will. We sim - ply want Your will.
 ply, Our ev - 'ry - day sup - ply.
 love, For - ev - er per - fect love.

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TOPICS: Aging; Assurance & Comfort; Faith; God's Love; Joy; Patient Endurance;
Suffering for Christ; Transcendent God

LEAD-IN: *Even if the fig tree does not blossom,
And there is no fruit on the vines,
If the yield of the olive fails,
And the fields produce no food,
Even if the flock disappears from the fold,
And there are no cattle in the stalls,
Yet I will triumph in the Lord,
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.
The Lord God is my strength,
And He has made my feet like deer's feet,
And has me walk on my high places.
(Habakkuk 3:17-19, NASB)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Keep Your Eyes on God's Love

All-wise Creator,
loving Father,
You do not cause the many
horrendous events that plague
our individual lives and
our troubled race.
Death was never Your will for us.
We separated ourselves from You,
the only source of life.
Death is our doing,
not Yours.

Yet for all those who trust You,
You gently, faithfully lead us through
our worst nightmares,
even the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4).
You are always true to Your promise:
You work all things for good
for those who love and trust You (Romans 8:28).
You redeem even our
deepest griefs and
most profound losses
to bless Your people.

But Your ways are
more subtle,
more nuanced,
more intricate
than our frantic and simplistic prayers –
“Lord, do it all, and
do it RIGHT NOW!”

You work and wait to do everything
in exactly the right way
at exactly the right time.

There is no substitute for
simply
trusting
You,
no matter what.

Loving Father, we gladly leave
Your work in
Your hands to happen in
Your time.

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