GOD MEETS HIS PEOPLE IN THEIR BITTEREST DISTRESS

2 KINGS 4:8 - 37 (ESV)

I. Before we will turn to God in our bitter distress, we must recognize that others are _____ in their capacity to help.

A. The Shunammite woman recognized that no _____ could help her. Only _____ could!

B. When you're in an unimaginably difficult situation, remember who your real _____ is. And _____ to Him.

II. In times of bitter distress, turn to God...

A. In _____: tell Jesus all your pain, confusion, and _____.

B. In _____: listen to Jesus' response in Scripture and _____ counsel.

1. Faith is seeing what God says about hard situations like ours and trusting His _____ more than you trust your _____.

III. In times of bitter distress, Christians can expect God...

A. To _____ our grief and _____ into it.

B. To _____ _____ out of our most bitter tragedy.

1. God is not bound to give what we ask, regardless of _____ asks or _____.
2. God is not bound to any mechanistic _____.
3. God's always answers our prayers. But we may not see the _____ on our desired _____.
4. From our vantage point, we can't know _____ God will bring good out of tragedy. But we do know how we will respond when He does: grateful _____.
5. In our greatest moments of loss, the gift of God's _____ and _____ may be the only treasure we still have. And He is _____.