

How the worst of times are really the best of times, even though they don't feel like it at the time...

- Because God pours out His grace in hard times.
- Because we ask important questions in hard times.
- Because we find vital answers in the hard times.
- Because God shapes and strengthens our character in hard times.

Context:

The darkest days of David's life...

Questions worth asking (1)

Answers worth finding (2-4)

- Answers about our personal integrity. (2)
- Answers about our relational integrity. (3-4a)
- Answers about our financial integrity. (5a)

A Promise Worth Claiming (5b)

*Questions for Discussion:*

When have you experienced "hard times?"

Looking back, how did God use those times to help you grow in:

- Your *personal* integrity?
- Your *relational* integrity:  
What you *say* about others?  
What you *do* toward others?  
What you *receive* from others?  
How you *associate* with others?  
What you *commit* to others?
- Your *financial* integrity?

Are you currently going through a "hard time?"

If so, what are some ways you see God transforming your character?

**"Hardship is inevitable; character is optional."**