

True Colors “Despair vs. Hope”- Ben Foote

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Bible References: *Psalm 139:13-16 and Romans 8:28, 31-39*

Community:

1. What is your favorite moment or story from this past week that you'd like to share?
2. What has been (or is) the most difficult thing you've experienced in life?

Core:

1. As you look at life, up until now, where have you experienced despair and how did it affect your faith or trust in God?
2. **Read Psalm 139:13-16.** What can we learn about the nature of God from this passage and what can we learn about ourselves? How do these verses show us God-given purpose?
3. Ben said, “*You were created on purpose and for a purpose.*” What would you say is your purpose in life? Do you struggle believing that God has given you a purpose? If so, why?
4. **Read Psalm 139:16.** What do you think it means that God has *ordained* everything? Are you troubled or angry at what God has *ordained* or allowed in your life?
5. **Read Romans 8:28.** What does this verse teach us about the character of God? Have you seen God bring *good* out of a season or situation that caused despair in your past? Is there a situation where you need God to do that now?
6. Ben defined hope as “*an expectant trust in God.*” Have you experienced this kind of hope in life? If so, how did it influence your faith or perspective of God?

Challenge:

This week read **Romans 8:28** and **Romans 8:31-39** each day, then spend time thinking and meditating on these passages. End your time each day praying and talking to God about what is stirring in you from these verses in Romans.

