

(Sermon Quote) The Agony Of God's Heart

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Scripture: Psalm 34:17, Matthew 26:38, Romans 8:26, 2 Corinthians 7:10, James 4:8

Topics: "Anguish in Ministry", "True Passion vs. Fleeting Emotions"

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Transcript

Whatever happened to anguish in the ministry? It's a word you don't hear in this pampered age. You don't hear it. Anguish means extreme pain and distress.

The emotion so stirred that it becomes painful, acute, deeply felt inner pain because of conditions about you, in you or around you. Anguish, deep pain, deep sorrow, agony of God's heart. We've held on to our religious rhetoric and our revival talk, but we've become so passive.

Our so-called awakenings are stirrings, last but a short time. And when the short-lived revivings and awakenings come from the hand of God, they are so short-lived. And in those times, we promised God we'll never return to our passivity.

But it's not long, it's just weeks or months and we're back. And this time we slip further back into passivity than when we started. I speak from experience.

Then we say, this time, oh God, you've touched me for life. I'll never be the same. And it's like fireworks, a loud bang and a lot of noise and then it dies.

All true passion is born out of anguish.

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