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He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure. He put a new song in my
mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Psalms 40:1-3

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*Nor will I debate the question,
"Does God ever perform miracles?"
I take for granted that he has supernatural power
and has used it. Yes, God can intervene...*

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...so why doesn't he do so more often?

Why handicap himself among sincere skeptics who would like to believe, if only they had a sign?

Why permit injustice and suffering to thrive on earth?

Why aren't God's interventions "ordinaries" rather than "miracles"?

Philip Yancey

Disappointment with God: Three Questions No One Asks Aloud



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*Always preach the Gospel;
when necessary, use words.*

St. Francis of Assisi



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Kindness of God:

kindness, lovingkindness in condescending to the needs of his creatures.

A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament
(BDB complete), s.v. "chesed," 339.

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Kinsman-Redeemer

This word is used in two realms, God and kin.

It carries the thought of freedom to the beneficiary.

It referred to an uncommon solidarity that united both the clans and all of the possessions of the clan.

A disruption of this unity was unacceptable and called for immediate repair...

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One way this was “repair” was shown was to take on the role of the next of kin. This could be done in taking a kinsman’s widow, redeeming from bondage, redeeming a field, redeeming a debt by payment, or avenging blood.



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Gleaning Truths from Ruth

Live out genuine faith

Live out extravagant kindness

Live out expectant hope

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*Ten words have set the course for my life:
God permits what he hates
to accomplish what he loves.*

Joni Eareckson Tada

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/reflections-on-50th-anniversary-of-my-diving-accident>



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“Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and
rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:19

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*Though suffering is never a small thing,
God is always greater...*

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*Worship refocuses our minds on God's greatness,
and puts our pain in its rightful place —
under the reign of an already victorious Father.*

Rachel Coulter

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/worshiping-with-a-broken-heart>



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