

Based on material in *Dark Clouds Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament* by Mark Vroegop

### HARDSHIPS REVEAL IDOLS

**As John Calvin so famously put it: The human heart is an idol factory, churning out new idols like the conveyor belt in a manufacturing plant rolling out new widgets. ~Tony Reinke**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ security. 4:1

• 1 Kings 6:20-22

2. \_\_\_\_\_ . 4:5, 8-9, 20

#### Political

**Where is the hope? The hope that each of us have is not in who governs us, or what laws are passed, or what great things that we do as a nation. Our hope is in the power of God working through the hearts of people, and that's where our hope is in this country; that's where our hope is in life. ~Chuck Colson**

#### Spiritual

➤ **There are limitations to human leaders and what they can do but not to God.**

3. An \_\_\_\_\_ culture and

**Society.** 4:3-4, 9

• 1 Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 28:19-20

**The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children. ~Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

**It is a huge mistake to become married to an ideology, because the greatest enemy of the gospel is ideology. Ideology is a man-made format of how the world ought to work, and Christians instead believed in the revealing truth Scripture. ~Chuck Colson**

**When the church aligns itself politically, it gives priority to the compromises and temporal successes of the political world rather than its Christian confession of eternal truth. ... Christian patriots spend more time washing feet than waving flags. ~Chuck Colson**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

• 2 Corinthians 11:23-27, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Acts 2:23-24

**Are we going to turn away from and reject these \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Are we going to trust only and completely in \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_?** Learning from  
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