

The Stages of Christian Experience

Part 2: The Defeated Christian Life

Psalm 22

The Characteristics of the Defeated Christian Life

Psalms 22:1-2, 14-15

Surviving the Defeated Christian Life by Grabbing on to God

Psalms 22:11, 19; Psalms 16:4; Deut 8:3

Grab on to God by telling Him your feelings. (Psalms 22:1-2; 34:18).

Grab on to God by thanking Him for something (Psalms 22:9-10; 1 Thess 5:18).

Consider medications

God wants us to love spiritually defeated Christians, but not feel responsible to change them.

Gal 6:2; Rom 15:1; Rom 12:15-16; 1 Thess 5:14; Psalms 34:18; Psalms 55:22.

L.I.F.E. Group ?'s

- 1) What was especially meaningful to you in the Sunday message?
- 2) Have you ever experienced the defeated Christian life? What was it like? How did you survive it?
- 3) Have you cared for a spiritually defeated Christian? What helped you to help bear their burdens?

Pray that New Life will be a place where spiritually defeated Christians experience acceptance, care, and hope!