

Future Grace Questions

Chapter 24 – Faith in Future Grace vs. Despondency

Grasping the Big Idea

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from this chapter? Any questions, observations, or encouragements?

2. From page 299. How does Piper define “despondency,” and what root issue does he identify beneath it?

3. From pages 300-302. What natural and physical factors does Piper acknowledge can contribute to despondency?
 - a. From page 302. Despite these complexities, what does Piper identify as the “ultimate cause” of despondency

4. From page 303. How does Psalm 73:26 illustrate the proper response to despondency?

Challenged to Change

1. Are you spiritually weary, cynical, or joyless? What promises of God are you neglecting or doubting?
2. How has past disappointment shaped your present outlook—and how could faith reframe it?
3. What would it look like to fight despondency not by emotional effort but by active hope in God's future grace?

Praying for Change

Ask the Lord to lift your eyes from your discouragement to His unchanging promises. Pray that hope would rise where joy has faded, and that trust in His future grace would renew your strength like the eagle's.