

Knowing God is better than knowing answers.

An Update from Dan and Sue Wicher – February 2019

The Best Answer

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ¹

As Paul David Tripp points out, “of all the words that Peter could use to describe what God is doing now, he selects three: ‘distressed, trials, and tested.’ These are words that most of us hope would never describe our lives. Yet, Peter doesn’t see moments of difficulty as counterproductive to God’s plan. To the contrary, they are often an important part of His plan. In these moments He works to alter the values of our hearts so that we let go of our little kingdom and give ourselves to His kingdom.”

In a moment of repentance after all his afflictions, Job declared,

*“My ears had heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you.”²*

Job forgot his cry for vindication after he had received something better: a glimpse of the person of God and a renewed fellowship with Him. He had lost all, but he had found God and was now content. He had stopped asking, “Why?” since he had come to know God.

God is working, but not so much to give us predictable, comfortable, and pleasurable lives. He isn’t working so much to transform our hard circumstances as he is working through them to transform you and me. In hard moments, we are being blessed with the heart transforming grace of difficulty because the God who loves us knows exactly what we need.

Sometimes the best answers to life’s most troubling questions lie not in what God says, but in who He is. When we recognize that truth, we begin to see that God does not just know the answers but, in fact, is the answer.

¹1P 1.6-7; ²Job 42.5

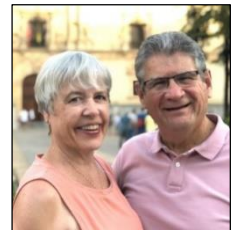
The Search Continues

The Wichers have been searching for an answer to Susan’s shoulder pain for four and a half years. Today, after two surgeries, many tests and countless sessions of physical therapy, the answer remains elusive.

Currently in Dallas on home assignment, the Wichers continue the search. Sad to say, the most challenging part of the process in recent days has been working through the healthcare system to get timely attention and treatment.

While an April date is scheduled for their return, Dan and Susan do not plan to leave the US until a concrete diagnosis and treatment plan is nailed down.

Please pray to that end.



Home Assignment - How to Pray

- Discipline to walk with God each day.
- Journey’s mercies as Dan and Susan travel to visit churches and ministry partners, tend to medical needs, and minister the Word
- Discernment how to care for and coach Christian workers in Spain, Mexico and the US via Skype.
- Insight for doctors to identify the root cause of Susan’s shoulder pain and to design an effective treatment plan. Pray for healing.
- Wisdom to help Peter and Elizabeth navigate their tumultuous relationship.
- Softening of Oscar’s heart to the message of the Gospel
- Grace for mission leaders and the missionary family as Camino Global merges with Avant.

***Thank you for your partnership in the
Lord’s work in and through us. - Dan and Susan***