

# THE HOUR of ISOLATION

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I know what it is like to face divine silence, **not to hear God's voice for a season**. I have walked through periods of total confusion with no apparent guidance, the still small voice behind me completely silent.

There were times when I had no friend nearby to satisfy my heart with a word of advice. All my patterns of guidance from before had gone awry, and I was left in total darkness. I could not see my way, and I made mistake after mistake. I wanted to say, "O God, what has happened? **I don't know which way to go!**"

**Does God really hide his face from those he loves?** Isn't it possible he lifts his hand for a short while to teach us trust and dependence? The Bible answers clearly: "God left him [Hezekiah], to try him that he might know all that was in his heart" (2 *Chronicles* 32:31).

***You may be going through a flood of trials right now. You know what I'm talking about when I say the heavens are as brass. You know all about repeated failures. You've waited and waited for answers to prayer. You've been served a cup of affliction. Nothing and nobody can touch that need in your heart!***

That's the time to take your stand! You don't have to be able to laugh or rejoice, because you may not have any happiness at the moment. In fact, you may have nothing but turmoil in your soul.

But you can know God is still with you, because Scripture says, "The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King forever" (*Psalms* 29:10).

Soon you will hear His voice: Don't get excited, don't panic. Just keep your eyes on me. Commit all things to me. And you will know that you remain the object of his incredible love.

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