



# The Caller

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## Gospel Meeting

March 15-18



# Ron Stough

from East Side Church of Christ in Duncan, Oklahoma

### “THIS I KNOW.....”

Sunday Bible Class 9:30am..... The Bible Tells Me So

2 Peter 1:19-21



Sunday Worship 10:30am..... Jesus Loves Me

1 John 4:16



Sunday Worship 6pm..... I Will Die

Ecclesiastes 9:5



Monday 7pm..... I Am Rich

2 Corinthians 8:9



Tues. Ladies Bible Class 10:30am..... The Way

John 14:4



Tuesday 7pm..... God Will Raise Us

2 Corinthians 4:14



Wednesday 7pm..... The Truth

John 8:32



## In Dark Times: He Restores My Soul

On any given day people around the world face times of darkness. We have witnessed first hand such dark times for so many in the face of the storm in the mid-south. I would venture to guess though that the times of darkness and the types of darkness faced by individuals around the world daily are as many and as varied as our minds could imagine. From starvation to constant fear and countless other tribulations people are in need. Though they may not realize Who it is they need, they seek someone to restore their soul.

In patriarchal times, the earliest dispensation of human history, there was a man named Job. His suffering was almost unthinkable. He lost possessions as well as all of his children. I cannot even begin to imagine! He then was struck with a dreaded skin ailment that brought him great agony. Adding to his agony was his wife and his so-called friends. Job cried out for someone who could understand—for someone who could bring peace to his agony (Job 9:32). Job desired a daysman, a go-between who could bring healing to his agony. Though Christ had not fulfilled that role for Job to benefit in his day, Jesus has fulfilled that role for us today.

When we wonder in our darkest times if Jesus cares, the answer from Scripture is a resounding yes! Isaiah tells us that the Suffering Servant is a man of sorrow acquainted with grief. Jesus demonstrates in numerous ways as He walked the earth that He was a man of care and compassion. His various healings as well as His reaction to the Mary and Martha as they grieved indicate clearly to us His care.

But we all are most familiar that Jesus ultimately showed His care by His vicarious death on the cross! No matter what darkness we face, we know that Jesus provided us a means to avoid the greatest of all darkness due to us because of our sin. Through Jesus' sacrifice and suffering, we can avoid eternal darkness away from the presence of God.

When you suffer your times of darkness, look to the Psalms. There are many promises made to those who rely upon the LORD in times of darkness. Read those promises and claim them for yourself! They are written for our benefit. Among those Psalms is the familiar 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. HE RESTORES MY SOUL...” (KJV)

When you realize your next dark time, turn to the LORD, He will restore your soul. I cannot fully explain the ways of the LORD but I trust what He reveals in His Word.

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