

## Lesson 0436D

Video/CD Title: God is Good – Session 8  
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**Introduction: God’s Goodness Is An Anchor In Mystery, Tragedy, And Disappointment** It is not the task of Christianity to provide easy answers to every question, but to make us progressively aware of a mystery, God is not so much the object of our knowledge as the cause of our wonder. Bold faith stands on the shoulders of quiet trust. When God restores, He restores to a place greater than before.

**Discussion 1:** In this session, Bill Johnson walks us through some of the undiscussed facts concerning loss, disappointments, and mystery. There is an appropriate response to mystery, which results from loss. It’s not to live in extended mourning, nor is it right to reject mourning and pretend everything is okay. It’s healthy to mourn in such a way that we are drawn into God’s Presence, receive His loving touch, and then emerge from that season with an expectation of vindication. It’s not vindication to fulfill a longing for personal revenge, but more so a desire that the goodness of God would be made visible on our lives because of His restorative touch on every area that experienced loss.

### Drill Down 1:

- Read Romans 8:28. If you have ever experienced loss yet have seen the promise of Romans 8:28 fulfilled in the loss, share your experience below.

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- If you experienced loss but have not seen the promise of Romans 8:28, please share that loss below.

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- Spend the time needed praying for this area of loss you just shared about:
  - Pray for a healing mourning period – where you can go into God's Presence and share your heart with Him. The goal here is to receive His love rather than trying to get all of your questions answered.
  - Pray for a discernment of seasons – so that you are not ensnared by external mourning, but recognize the healthy time to mourn and the time to transition.
  - Pray for revelation of vindication – that you would see your mystery in the loss as an invitation to vindication, living in response to the Father who wants to show His goodness in an extreme way.
  - Pray for recompense and restoration on the basis of Proverbs 6:30-31. Declare and announce restoration over everything that has been lost, as the Lord makes all things new.
  - Pray for an anointing over yourself. Declare this anointing released through your life, would destroy the very things that caused loss, tragedy, and disappointment.
  - Pray for the demonstration of God's goodness in unusual ways as you see God's vindication releasing restoration and anointing in your life.

**Post Lesson Instructions:** Spend this next week embracing mystery and trust.