

# **A REAL BIG GOD**

## **PART 3: Finding God In The Dark**

### **WHAT DO YOU DO IN THE DARK?**

#### **A. Common responses to difficult times**

1. Stay neutral and hope things get better
2. Become despondent
3. Go into fight mode

#### **B. How can a relationship with God factor in to dark times**

1. Stay neutral and hope
2. Get angry and hard - does not position you well for solutions and peace
3. Get humble and helped (*Philippians 4:6-7 NKJ*)

### **WHEN JOHN LOST HIS WAY (Matthew 11:2-11 NKJ)**

#### **A. John the Baptist: a man known for clarity and decisiveness**

1. He knew who he was and his mission in life
2. He knew who Jesus was - a revelation no one else had at that time

#### **B. Discouraged in the dark**

1. John was in a negative place
2. John became offended - half hurt, half mad

#### **C. Jesus' message to John**

1. He referred John back to scripture
2. He challenged John to abandon being offended
3. Then Jesus spoke well of John

### **FINDING GOD IN THE DARK**

#### **A. Hear and see something different (*Psalm 119:130 NKJ*)**

#### **B. Guard against offense: two practices that will help**

1. Humility (*1 Peter 5:6-7 NKJ*)
2. Gratefulness (*1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJ*)

#### **C. God never goes "dark" on you**

1. Even when you are offended at Him...