



Lesson 6

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Ball of Confusion

Psalm 9:1-12

Have you ever wondered why we often choose those things that may harm us or others? In other words, why do we choose to praise and have joy in particular things that may not be the best for us? In today's Bible lesson, Psalm 9 proclaims that God will bring justice, and this is cause for our joyful praise. In today's contemporary story, Carmen was wronged, but she trusted and praised God because she knew He would make things right!

Carmen, a nursing supervisor, was working second shift at the hospital to help pay her son's tuition. One evening she stopped at the gas station across the road from the hospital. Carmen paid the cashier her last twenty dollars for gas. She began pumping the gas, but the pump stopped at ten dollars. Carmen politely asked the cashier to add the additional ten dollars that she had paid for. The cashier refused. Carmen felt powerless to right this injustice. Carmen knew that because God is a just God, He would take care of the confusion. Still, with tears in her eyes, she did not know why this was happening to her. Money was tight; but Carmen knew that God is faithful, so she stopped worrying, put it in God's hands, and began repeating, "Thank You, Jesus" all the way home!

A few days later, in the hospital cafeteria, a co-worker shared about an injustice that she recently endured. Carmen mentioned her incident and told the co-worker, "Our righteous God will ensure that justice is served." A gentleman overheard Carmen's conversation and asked for the location of the incident. The gentleman said he owns that gas station. The following day, the man returned, leaving an envelope for Carmen. The owner said he took care of the situation and included a two-hundred-dollar gas card. Carmen said, "Praise the Lord!"

Discussion Questions/Statements:

1. Give an example of a time that you praised God amid a ball of confusion.
2. There are times that life is not fair. Share an example of God's faithfulness in your life during those times.
3. What burden or injustice are you dealing with right now? Do you sense God's activity in the situation?