

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Theme: Counsel in the Night Seasons
Text: Psalm 116
Title: A Deeper Heart of Love

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(I) AFFLICTIONS IN LIFE

*"It is good that I have been afflicted
That I may learn Your statutes"* *Psalm 119:71*

*"I am afflicted very much,
Revive me according to Your word"* *Psalm 119:107*

1. Afflictions- a common fact of life
2. Afflictions can be very highly instructive
3. Afflictions can be viewed in a positive manner

(II) AFFLICTIONS ENDURED

*"The pains of death surrounded me,
And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me
I found trouble and sorrow"* *Psalm 116:3*

"I was brought low..." *Psalm 116:6b*

*"For You have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling"* *Psalm 116:8*

1. Pain
2. Trouble
3. Sorrow
4. Near death experience
5. Tears
6. Falling

(III) DELIVERANCE FROM AFFLICTIONS

*"Then I called upon the name of the LORD;
'O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul'"* *Psalm 116:4*

*"Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
Yes, our God is merciful
The LORD preserves the simple
I was brought low, and He saved me."* *Psalm 116:5-6*

1. In answer to prayer
2. Deliverance from God
 - a) Gracious
 - b) Righteous
 - c) Merciful

(IV) APPROPRIATE RESPONSES

*"I love the LORD
Because He has heard my supplications
Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live"* *Psalm 116:1-2*

1. Deep love for God
 - a) Generated
 - b) Growth
2. Determination to relate to God for life in prayer
 - a) Natural
 - b) Developed