## NBC Devotional January 25, 2023 "The Wise Counsel of God's Statutes"

Psalm 119:143-144 "Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands give me delight. Your statues are always righteous; give me understanding that I may live," and Psalm 119: 24 "Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors."

"Statues" can be translated as "testimony of God" – what I know about God. Dr. Keller's grandfather had a favorite saying, "If you knew what I know about my God, you'd see it differently." With time, over the years, one sees things differently as one experiences trusting in God.

Todd and his wife had this same experience when moving from Bloomington, Ill to Olathe, KS. Amidst the uncertainty, they knew He had all the details. They experienced listening to God as their counselor. Because of what they knew about God, they trusted Him. With Kim's mother failing and then passing, they did not question God. Todd felt the Holy Spirit say to him, "I'm working all this out." Now in his 50's, Todd says He is becoming my counselor. God's statutes are his counselor.

Ask yourself is God your counselor? Can God and His statutes be your guide? You serve a God that is faithful to you. Your faith history proves for you that He is faithful. When trouble and distress come, we can delight in His statutes. NBC's combined faith history and testimony is our counselor. God is wise and dependable.

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