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Jesus Wept

Sunday, May 17, 2020



TALK
ABOUT IT

- How are you doing? Share as a group how you are processing what's going on in the world, your own home, or your own heart.



PRAYER

There are many wonderful prayers in Scripture where the author expresses their emotion and distress to God. At times it can even feel like they go too far. Yet, these honest prayers of Scripture give us a guide at how to express our emotions while still maintaining our trust in God. Read through Psalm 13 out loud and then pray in your own words.

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.



SERMON +
WORSHIP

Watch this week's Sermon and Worship Set [\(click here\)](#)



SERMON
ACTIVITY

- **Take a few minutes to discuss how you would respond to the following scenarios. Treat this as practice in empathy, understanding, encouragement, and love. Consider what questions you may ask, what words of encouragement you might say, and how God would be glorified in the conversation. How would you respond when:**
 - **A couple in your small group has a marriage that is falling apart**
 - **You got the promotion you have been asking for**
 - **Good friends are struggling with fertility issues**
 - **Your spouse/best friend is publicly given an award for their work**
 - **A relative just found out they have cancer**

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TALK ABOUT IT

- **In John 11, Jesus clearly waited to perform a miracle. Why would He wait to and allow Lazarus to die (v. 4, 15, 40)? What strikes you most about Jesus's actions in this passage?**
 - Have you had a time in your life where it seemed like God waited to answer your prayer? If so, how did your faith grow during that time?
- **Pastor Jon taught through John 11 that God is big enough to handle ALL of our emotions. Can you think of other passages in the Bible where humans expressed raw emotions to God?**
 - What do passages like these teach us about how to be honest with God and trust in Him at the same time?
- **In John 11:21-22 and 11:27, Martha proclaims her belief that Jesus can do incredible things as the Messiah. Do you think God is still powerful enough to do the same today? How can you proclaim that in your own prayers to God?**



PRACTICE POINTS

- **Have you ever struggled to be honest with God? Are there emotions or actions you have tried to hide from Him? Why?**
 - Write your own psalm this week, expressing both where you are and who God is.
- **Pastor Jon used the analogy of a scale to show us how to balance our emotions and the truth of who God is. How can you use that idea, along with truths found in God's Word, to love someone who is hurting this week?**
 - Start by making a list of verses that could help point people to the God who is WITH them.



Want additional content to dive into during the week? Try this:

These prompts can be used one-per-day or for an extended time on your own, with your spouse or family members, or with your small group:

- **Read Psalm 13, 42-43, and 88. These are just a few of what are called lament Psalms. In each of these Psalms, the author clearly expresses some issue with God.**
 - Are these prayers that can be modeled in our own lives? Why or why not?
 - How do we balance being honest with God in our emotions, and still not allowing those emotions to lead us to sin?
 - Lament is not reserved for the Old Testament. What do passages like Luke 22:39-46 and 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 teach us?
- **God doesn't only handle our emotions, He is with us and is powerful enough to do something about what's going on.**
 - Look up the following: Joshua 1:9, Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:38-39. What clear message do these verses give us?
 - How can you remind yourself God is with you when you don't feel that way?
 - Now look up the following: James 4:1-3, 1 John 5:14-15. What do these verses teach us?
 - How can we pray God's will, while still also asking Him for what is on our hearts?