

**Series: COLLIDE**  
**Part 5: "WHEN YOU'RE ABANDONED BY GOD"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
 Why are you so far from saving me,  
 so far from my cries of anguish?

<sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
 by night, but I find no rest...

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man,  
 scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me mock me;  
 they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

<sup>8</sup> "He trusts in the Lord," they say,  
 "let the Lord rescue him.  
 Let him deliver him,  
 since he delights in him."...

<sup>11</sup> Do not be far from me,  
 for trouble is near  
 and there is no one to help...

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water,  
 and all my bones are out of joint.  
 My heart has turned to wax;  
 it has melted within me.

<sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,  
 and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
 you lay me in the dust of death.

<sup>16</sup> Dogs surround me,  
 a pack of villains encircles me;  
 they pierce my hands and my feet.

<sup>17</sup> All my bones are on display;  
 people stare and gloat over me.

<sup>18</sup> They divide my clothes among them  
 and cast lots for my garment.

<sup>19</sup> But you, Lord, do not be far from me.  
 You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

Psalm 22:1-2, 6-8, 11, 14-19 (NIV)

**How to Move Forward in Faith When God's not Answering:**

**1. Take your \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are holy;

enthroned on the praises of Israel  
<sup>4</sup> In you our ancestors put their trust;  
 they trusted and you delivered them.  
<sup>5</sup> To you they cried out and were saved;  
 in you they trusted and were not put to shame...  
<sup>9</sup> Yet you brought me out of the womb;  
 you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup> From birth I was cast on you;  
 from my mother's womb you have been my God.

Psalm 22:3-5, 9-10 (NIV)

**2. Remember God's \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>22</sup> I will declare your name to my people;  
 in the assembly I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
 All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!  
 Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

<sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or scorned  
 the suffering of the afflicted one;  
 he has not hidden his face from him  
 but has listened to his cry for help.

<sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
 before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

Psalm 22:22-25 (NIV)

**3. Go to \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>26</sup> The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
 those who seek the Lord will praise him—  
 may your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth  
 will remember and turn to the Lord,  
 and all the families of the nations  
 will bow down before him,  
<sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the Lord  
 and he rules over the nations.

<sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
 all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—  
 those who cannot keep themselves alive.

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
 future generations will be told about the Lord.

<sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness,  
 declaring to a people yet unborn:  
 He has done it!

Psalm 22:26-31 (NIV)

**4. Focus on your \_\_\_\_\_**