PRAYER SERIES · LAMENT

Unseen Footprints

Psalm 77

TWO HONEST PRAYERS

CONFESSION

"Lord, I am wrong."

The pain I caused

LAMENT

"Lord, something is wrong."

The pain I carry

Where are we going today?

1	Lament keeps talking to God	vv. 1–4
2	Lament asks honest questions	vv. 5–9
3	Lament chooses to remember	vv. 10–15
4	Lament rests in God's unseen footprints	vv. 16–20

PSALM 77:1–2

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, and he will hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

PSALM 77:7–9

"Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"

PSALM 77:11

I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

PSALM 77:19

Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters;

yet your footprints were unseen.

JOHN 11:25–26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

ROMANS 8:38–39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:12

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

THIS WEEK'S PRACTICE

Pray Psalm 13

Turn

v. 1a

"How long, O LORD?"

Complain

vv. 1–2

"How long will you hide your face from me?"

Ask

vv. 3–4

"Consider and answer me, O LORD my God."

Trust

vv. 5–6

"But I have trusted in your steadfast love."