

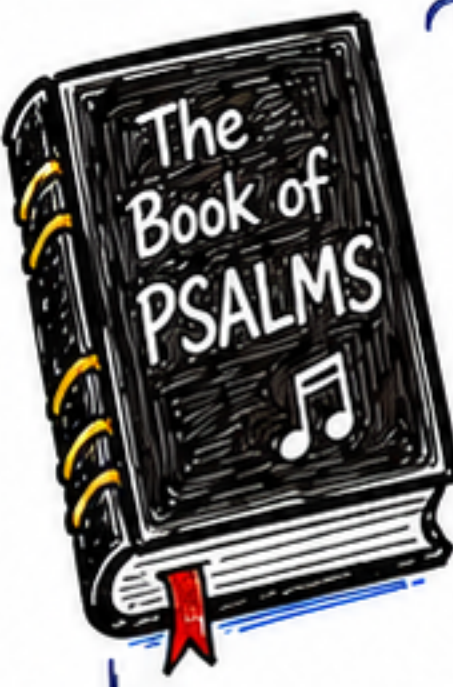


SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

WEEK 2:

FROM HOW LONG? TO HALLELUJAH!

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A collection of Hebrew songs, poems, & prayers from many writers!

- Covers a gamut of emotions – highest of highs to lowest of lows!

THERE'S A PSALM FOR THAT!

Waiting is hard—especially when there's no timeline.



In Psalm 13, David finds himself in exactly that kind of WAITING...



This 6-verse Psalm captures our deep struggle:

"God, where are You?"

PSALM 13:1-6 (NLT)

- 1-2 How long, Lord?... (4 times!)
- 3-4 Turn and answer me... (3 specific requests)
- 5 I trust in Your unfailing love...
- 6 I will sing to the Lord...



A **LAMENT** is not complaining about God. A **LAMENT** is bringing your pain TO God!



WHEN GOD SEEMS SILENT ...

1 BE HONEST ABOUT YOUR PAIN

Psalm 13:1-2



- Spiritual** – "Have You forgotten me?"
- Relational** – "Are You hiding from me?"
- Emotional** – "My soul is in turmoil."
- Circumstantial** – "My enemies are winning."

David takes his feelings **TO** God, not **FROM** God!



Psalm 55:22

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken."

KEY: Mature faith asks questions and keeps seeking God.

2 KEEP PRAYING

Psalm 13:3-4



David moves from complaining to petitioning. He doesn't quit... walk away... or stop praying!

He makes 3 requests:

- 1 **TURN** – Look at me!
- 2 **ANSWER** – Hear me!
- 3 **STRENGTHEN** – Give light to my eyes! (Renew my strength, restore my hope, keep me going!)

Waiting on God is never an excuse for walking away from God.

KEY: Prayer isn't just how we get answers. It's how we stay connected to God while waiting!

3 CHOOSE TRUST BEFORE YOU SEE THE ANSWER

Psalm 13:5



Nothing looks different on the outside... but David chooses to **TRUST**.

The foundation of our **FAITH** isn't what we **FEEL**... It's **WHO GOD IS!**

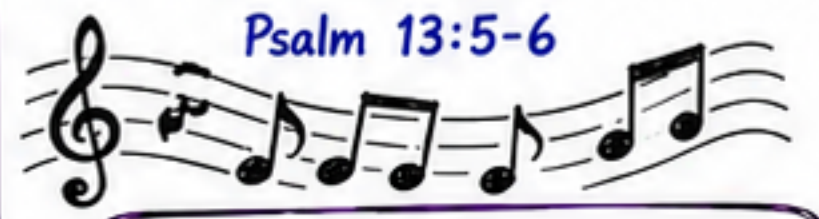


Storms don't sink us... our **FOCUS** does!

KEY: Faith is trusting God's character even when our emotions disagree!

4 MAKE REMEMBRANCE YOUR ANTHEM

Psalm 13:5-6



"I will sing to the Lord because He is good to me."

David remembers...

- Past victories
- Past provision
- Past blessings



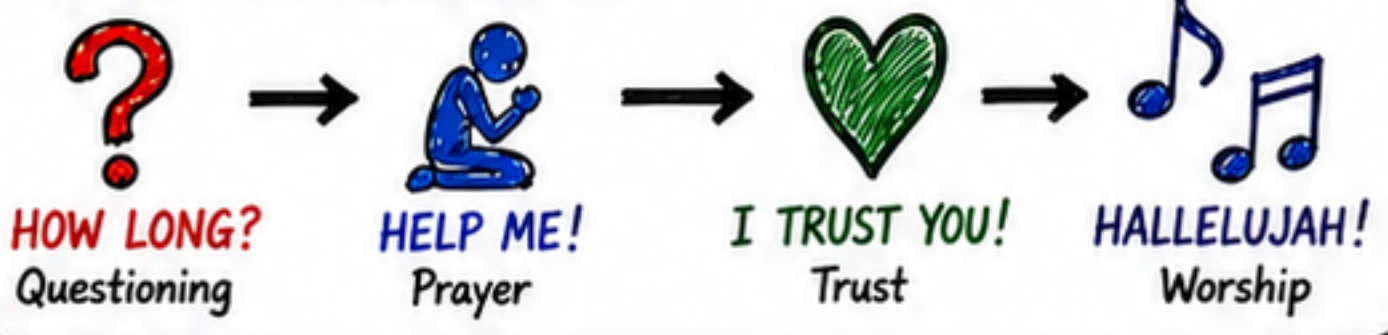
Memories become **FUEL** for **FAITH** that declares:

HALLELUJAH!

HALLELUJAH = **HALLELU** (Praise) + **JAH** (God) = **PRAISE GOD!**

KEY: in maturity when we praise God in every situation!

PSALM 13 TEACHES US:



Even when God seems silent, He is not absent. He loves you! He hasn't forgotten about you.

REMEMBER His goodness.
REMEMBER His faithfulness.



The greatest proof that God has not forgotten us is the **CROSS**. At the Cross, God declared once and for all... **YOU ARE LOVED!**



PRAYER

May the anthem of our hearts be the **REMEMBRANCE** of God's goodness and faithfulness!