

A Dangerous Prayer

*In what aspects of my life do I have a
difficult time trusting God?*

*Is there something in my life that God
wants to change?*

Who are some people in my life who don't know Jesus? (Choose 3)

What place in my life can I ask God for His Kingdom to come through me? (Choose 1)

2 Questions to ask about my 3 people and 1 place:

- 1) Father, what do you want me to know?
- 2) Father, what do you want me to do?

Is there a relationship that I need to pray for? What do I need to ask God to do in that relationship?

Is there something in my life that—if it happened—I could have a greater impact on this world for Jesus?

Is there something that God is calling me to do?

God is in control

God is good

God can be trusted

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Why do you hide yourself in times of
trouble?” (Psalm 10:1)**

“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?” (Psalm 13:1-2)

**“My God, my God, why have you
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My God, I cry out by day, but you do not
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22:1-2)**

God does not cause our
problems!

When something bad happens we
have a choice:

Blame God or

Trust God

**“Why, O Lord, do you stand far off?
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“But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless...The Lord is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land. You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed...” (Ps 10:14-18)

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“But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me.” (Ps 13:5-6)

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**“Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises. In you our
ancestors put their trust; they trusted
and you delivered them. To you they
cried out and were saved; in you they
trusted and were not put to shame. (Ps
22: 3-4)**

David knew:

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Psalm 139

**23 Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.**

**24 See if there is any offensive way in
me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

Our fears matter because they show us the areas of our life where we are relying on our own efforts instead of trusting God.

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Two areas of life that David is surrendering to God in this prayer:

First: His fears.

Second: Anything that is not pleasing to God.

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- 1) Consider what others have told you about you.
- 2) Consider what you have rationalized.
- 3) We need God's help to see sin that is difficult to see in the mirror.

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Are you willing to pray this
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“Search Me, O God.”