

Series: NOT ALONE: Where are you God?

Title: *Complaint: God! I Need Help!*

Text: Psalm 55:16-17

Introduction:



Memory Verse

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. (Psalm 37:4)

Big Idea

The promise of _____ brings the _____ of complaining.

Let's look at three _____ that lead us to the privilege to complain.

I) Complaining is _____ in various forms.

A. When we face _____ while accomplishing what God wants done.

Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise; Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me. Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. (Psalm 55:1-3, 22)

B. When we suffer from _____.

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore. There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. I am troubled I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of disquietness of my heart. (Psalm 38:1-3, 5-8)

C. When we feel all _____.

We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long. O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name forever? Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? Pluck it out of thy bosom. (Psalm 74:9-11)

D. When we feel _____.

O LORD, God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee. Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou has afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up,

and I cannot come forth. Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee. But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness. (Psalm 88:1-3, 6-9, 13, 18)

II) Complaining is a God given _____.

A. Our _____ with God supports our ability to complain.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (Romans 8:15)

B. The _____ of Jesus supports our ability to complain.

Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. (Luke 22:42)

III) Complaining _____ a Response from God.

A. God treats us as His _____.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons, for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. (Hebrews 12:7-8)

B. God strengthens us in our _____.

My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

C. God _____ wisdom when we don't understand.

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where was thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. (Job 38:1-4; 40:4)

Conclusion:

Taking our problems to God is a wonderful privilege every believer has that alleviates stress and anxiety and ultimately causes a tremendous peace.

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