



Crosspoint Church

AfterWords

Weekly Study: Summer in the Psalms- God Is Near



Overview

This study focuses on the comforting truth that God draws close to those who are hurting, struggling, or walking through difficult seasons. Psalm 34:18 declares that the Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those with a contrite spirit. Throughout Scripture, God consistently shows that His nearness is not dependent on our strength but is most clearly revealed in our weakness, pain, and need. This guide explores how God is present when we feel far away, how He moves toward brokenness, and how His salvation restores and lifts us.



Scripture

Psalms 34:14-22 | Psalms 34:18 | Psalms 139: 7-8 | Psalms 147:3 | Psalms 34:4 | Isaiah 43:2 | Joel 2:25



Key Points

God Is Near When You Feel Far Away

- **Even when God seems silent, He is still present and working.** *“The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.”* His nearness is not determined by our emotions. You can feel abandoned and still be held, feel forgotten and still be remembered, feel alone and still be surrounded by His presence.
- **God’s presence remains constant in every season.** Psalm 139 reminds us that there is nowhere we can go to escape His Spirit. Isaiah 43:2 assures us that deep waters, rivers of difficulty, and fires of oppression cannot separate us from Him. What should have destroyed you did not, because He was with you.

God Gets Close to Broken Things

- **Brokenness does not repel God. It attracts His attention.** *“The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.”* He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Your pain does not intimidate Him, and your tears do not make Him withdraw.
- **God specializes in restoring what is broken.** Throughout Scripture, He used people with failures, wounds, and complicated pasts. What the world calls broken, God calls fixable. The very places

where you were wounded often become the places where God shapes compassion, strength, and testimony.

God Doesn't Just See Your Pain — He Saves You From It

- **God does not come near only to observe your pain. He comes near to act.** *“The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.”* Sometimes He delivers you out of the fire, and sometimes He delivers you through it.
- **Storms, furnaces, and lion’s dens do not prove God’s absence.** They become places where His presence is revealed. Psalm 30:5 reminds us that night does not get the last word. God does. He restores, lifts, and rebuilds what felt crushed. Joel 2:25 declares that He restores what was lost.



Reflection



Where in your life do you need to be reminded that God is near?



What broken place in your life do you need to bring to God?



How has God helped you through something hard?



Prayer

Father, thank You for being near to the brokenhearted and for saving those whose spirits feel weighed down. Draw close to every place in me that feels heavy or overwhelmed. Heal what is wounded, restore what has been lost, and remind me that I am never alone. Help me trust Your presence in every season. Amen.

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