

Summer IN THE Psalms

Confronting God

Psalm 143

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Tim Keller

“There are other prayers in the Bible, but no other place where you have an entire course of theology in prayer form, and no other place where you have every possible heart condition represented, along with the way to process that situation before God.”

Psalm 143:3-4 MSG

*The enemy hunted me down;
he kicked me and stomped me within an inch of my life.
He put me in a black hole,
buried me like a corpse in that dungeon.
I sat there in despair, my spirit draining away,
my heart heavy, like lead.*

Charles Spurgeon

“The best prayers I have ever heard in our prayer meetings have been those which have been fullest of argument.”

Psalm 143:1 NIV

LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

We compare our behind-the-scenes struggles with everybody else’s successes.

Psalm 143:5-7 NIV

I remember the days of long ago, I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land.

What are the stories that we are rehearsing in our lives?

Psalm 143:8 NIV

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

Psalm 143:10 NIV

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

What percentage of our prayers are asking God to get us out of a situation, to provide for our needs or to bless whatever it is that we are doing?

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions:

This week with your APP partners ask each other

- Are there situations or times where it has felt like Jesus has let you down? How did you feel in those times? As time has passed has your perspective changed about God’s faithfulness in those situations?
- What are some practices that we can incorporate in our lives that would help us experience David’s prayer that “The morning would bring me word of your unfailing love?”
- Is there someone around us that could be encouraged with a reminder of God’s continued faithfulness?