

# Never Alone

## Our Cries and God's Goodness

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<sup>1</sup> O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? <sup>2</sup> How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand? <sup>3</sup> Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die. <sup>4</sup> Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall. <sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me.

**Psalm 13:1-6 NLT**

### **Cry #1: Cry for God's Attention**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? <sup>2</sup> How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand?

**Psalm 13:1-2 NLT**

- God is Never Late!
- God is Always on Time!
- God Sets the Schedule for Our Lives...We Don't!

<sup>2</sup> Have compassion on me, Lord, for I am weak. Heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony. <sup>3</sup> I am sick at heart. How long, O Lord, until you restore me?

**Psalm 6:2-3 NLT**

<sup>3</sup> Lord, how long will the wicked—how long will the wicked celebrate?

**Psalm 94:3 CSB**

<sup>2</sup> How long, Lord, must I call for help and you do not listen or cry out to you about violence, and you do not save? <sup>3</sup> Why do you force me to look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

**Habakkuk 1:2-3 CSB**

- God Hears Your Cry!

- God's Goodness is Greater Than Our Feelings

*"Ah, David! how like a fool thou talkest! Can God forget? Can Omniscience fail in memory? Above all, can Jehovah's heart forget his own beloved child? Ah! brethren, let us drive away the thought, and hear the voice of our covenant God by the mouth of the prophet, "But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me."*

— C.H. Spurgeon

<sup>14</sup> Yet Jerusalem says, "The Lord has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us."

<sup>15</sup> "Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! <sup>16</sup> See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands. Always in my mind is a picture of Jerusalem's walls in ruins.

**Isaiah 49:14-16 NLT**

<sup>9</sup> You have been my helper; do not leave me or abandon me, God of my salvation. <sup>10</sup> Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord cares for me."

**Psalms 27:9-10 CSB**

## **Cry #2: Cry for God's Action**

<sup>3</sup> Turn and answer me, O Lord my God! Restore the sparkle to my eyes, or I will die.

<sup>4</sup> Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall.

**Psalms 13:3-4 NLT**

<sup>11</sup> Why was I not stillborn; why didn't I die as I came from the womb? <sup>12</sup> Why did the knees receive me, and why were there breasts for me to nurse? <sup>13</sup> Now I would certainly be lying down in peace; I would be asleep. Then I would be at rest

**Job 3:11-13 CSB**

<sup>21</sup> Do not abandon me, O Lord. Do not stand at a distance, my God.

<sup>22</sup> Come quickly to help me, O Lord my savior.

**Psalms 38:21-22 NLT**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, why do you stand so far away? Why do you hide when I am in trouble?

**Psalms 10:1 NLT**

- Oftentimes our struggle is not with the ability of God, our struggle is with the action of God.

<sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NIV**

### **Cry #3: Cry of Adoration to God**

<sup>4</sup> Don't let them rejoice at my downfall. <sup>5</sup> But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord because he is good to me.

**Psalms 13:4-6 NLT**

- Remember God's Goodness!
- What if we're trying to get God's attention and trying to get God to remember us in our pain, when God is trying to get our attention and trying to get us to remember Him in our pain?!