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Being fully with Him

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# Psalms

Psalms 13 (ESV) How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

But I have trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalms 22:1-2 (ESV) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

and by night, but I find no rest.

Psalms 139:17-24 (ESV) How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

I awake, and I am still with you.

Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!

O men of blood, depart from me!

They speak against you with malicious intent;

your enemies take your name in vain.

Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?

And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

I hate them with complete hatred;

I count them my enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting!

Jump back to Psalms 13. David most intimate lover of Christ. Even the one that was so close with God said these things, sounds like doubt, condemnation and accusing God of being a poor Father.

# David wrestled with process

Struck me once, and this helped me. The one known for intimacy and connection, if you read through the Psalms they are littered with pain, sense of feeling disconnected and questioning where God is. Don’t know if that helps you, but it helps me. Sometimes we get so familiar with the Bible that we don’t really wrestle with the Bible anymore, his process who he is. I don’t think David was thinking let me write this so that it may be used for the generations to come. Yet here we are thousands of years later, reading his words.

God, you could've told David that he should've been laughing at the lies. But God wanted this to be in the Bible, want them to see this. Not erase the human bits, that is a bit awkward, want this to be seen. I am also going to put my blessing upon it, be part of the word of God.

Not only put in Scripture but Jesus Christ Himself quotes it. David was in such a desperate moment. Ugly of your soul, angst, slander, accusation towards God, there is something about Him here. Not just tolerating, talking with Him, declaration, no He is engaging David. Quoting a man that didn't believe in Him.

First I had a hard time with these verses, but now for some reason, they became my favorite. I see myself, and when I see God putting these words on paper, not embarrassed I realize that He is feeling the same about me.

Really like hanging out with God in my strengths. But once I was in Psalm 13, wanting to make joyful declarations, but inside of him, it was about this.

# god is not scared of your heart stuff!

When people come to me and share their ugly parts, the hard parts. You know the right answers in your head, but not in your heart. When He feels so far away. God is not scared of your heart stuff, He is not grossed out by who you really are. His pleasure is in your honesty.

He tried everything to get out of his anxiety, why are you not taking me out of this place and make me better? In that process, he had to journal and tell him. G for God, a person suggested this to him. Why bother trying to hear God? In the very place he wanted to declare his way out of there, techniques to get away from his soul, but God wanted him to stay. I want to have dates in there, taken him into places where he didn't want to be at all. Parts of you that you were trying to conquer, your whole life I wanted to celebrate them.

He went to Bethel and going through these journals, reading through them and said what on earth was I doing? Sweetheart, that was your psalm season, what you're ashamed of, they are tender precious moments for me. Pain and frustration, under that I saw you reaching out for me amidst all of the confusion.

Where he felt small and unspiritual, that is where God wanted to build him up.

You sound just like me, that is because you're made in my image. I am more like Him than I thought.

# Be real

Realness can be everything, the goal is to be real, happy or sad. What are you doing? Be real, don't fake it. If joy feels like hard work for you, it is not really joy, choose the moment. Grace released for that to be possible, some people reaching and striving for joy. Not because you're doing something wrong, but your inner world is trying to jump a stage, you can't manufacture joy, sometimes the road to joy is through pain and sorrow.

Trying to cheat process and the emotional world will not work for you, there is a process before you. Look at these psalms, he wouldn't like the hardness part, no Dave you're missing it, sometimes your situation hasn't changed.

Doesn't disqualify the process, the enemy would really like that to not let that inner part feel.

# Weakness and process

Weakness sounds like jealousy. As a leader he still feels those emotions sometimes, RGP and still felt all those feelings. Many people in this place, jealous moment and then don't know what it is like to be seen, felt and held in insecurity and jealousy. He does now look forward to jealousy, instead of rebuking it and is with him. Justice button I call that your offense button.

If die and you only have 24 hours with someone, the people they would choose were the people they could be themselves with the most.

Find it really hard to hang out with you. So many people put discipline in it, don’t have a secret place, I have God on the go :p If you don’t you don’t, but humble yourself, be honest and look for that place.

The moment I say God is saying this it's hard. The problem is when you end up feeling confused it is weird. He can be silent sometimes. So scary, when you can’t hear Him speak. Just to make you feel better, you create substance with a good idea, instead of a God idea. When He speaks something always moves within me.

I’d rather admit that I don't know what He is saying than making up something and being like this is what He is saying.

Months and months of not being able to hear Him about the house, but then after that 4 things beautifully lined up and happened right in a sequence. Discover that you can be real with God changes everything.

How do I get lost of the fear of man? Performance? Just being with God. Spend time with Him and hang out. Performance will be a fading thought, something that is away.