

Remembering God's Faithfulness

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Psalm 63

A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah.

- ¹You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.
- ²I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
- ³Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
- ⁴I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
- ⁵I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
- ⁶On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.
- ⁷Because you are my help,
I sing in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.
- ⁹Those who want to kill me will be destroyed;
they will go down to the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁰They will be given over to the sword
and become food for jackals.
- ¹¹But the king will rejoice in God;
all who swear by God will glory in him,
while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

Context of the Passage:

David is in the wilderness of Judah. He is either running from King Saul who wants to kill him or he is running from his son, Absalom, who also wants to kill him. Either way, it is not an ideal situation that David is facing.

Main Points:

Remembering God's Presence leads to trust in God (vv. 1-5)

Remembering God's faithful love will sustain us and lead to worship (vv. 6-8)

Remembering God' faithfulness and presence leads to confidence in God's provision (vv. 9-11)

Our Response:

When we feel distant from God, we are to remember and worship His faithful love and presence.

- a. Emotions and feelings are IMPORTANT but cannot dictate how we view reality. God's truth and His promises need to guide our lives and recovery.
- b. Remembrance is key. We need to remember God's faithfulness in our own lives, other's lives, and in the stories of Scripture in spite of how we feel.
- c. Notice that David never pitied or felt sorry for Himself. His thoughts were rooted in God's faithfulness, and they were not about himself.
- d. We are called to worship God even when we don't feel like or are facing adversity. We worship God for how He has been and will be faithful in the past, present, and the future.