

# When God Seems Distant

How to serve God in times of  
darkness

**YOUR RELATIONSHIP WILL  
BE TESTED**

# Relationships

- Relationships are tested by time and situations – Jas. 1:2-3; Psa. 10:1; 22:1
- These tests come despite our knowledge of God's power, faithfulness, and love.
  - David knew God delivers – Psa. 10:14; 22:4-5
  - We know the same – Heb. 13:5
- So, we must use the darker times for introspection – Amos 3:3

**TELL GOD HOW YOU FEEL**

# Talk to God!

- Don't shy away from opening up to God!
  - We resist this because of shame, or practiced neglect.
  - God is pleading with you to open up to Him – 1 Pet. 5:6-7
- Who better to understand your feelings and needs than Christ Jesus – Heb. 2:17-18; 4:14-16

**FOCUS ON GOD'S  
UNCHANGING NATURE**

# God is our Anchor

- We sing “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”
- His steadfastness is the anchor for your soul – Heb. 6:17-19
- It is the reason to never lose heart – 2 Cor. 4:16-18
- Count on God to keep His promises – Heb. 10:22-23; 1 Cor. 1:6-9

**REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS  
ALREADY DONE FOR YOU**



# God has done so much!

- God sent His Son, Jesus, to experience life and death for your salvation – Phil. 2:5-8
- Jesus wants us to know...
  - That He understands – Matt. 27:46
  - That He will give us victory – Psa. 22:21-24