







# WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN THE 'PIT EXPERIENCES' COME?



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL REVIEW OF DAVID

#### PSALM 13 (NIV)

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

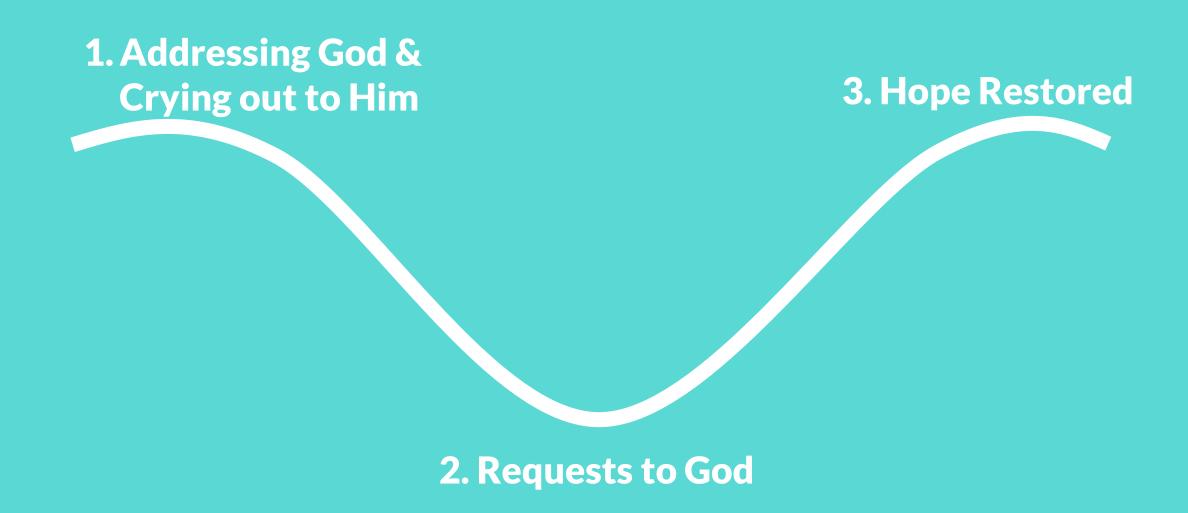
But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.





## PUTTING THE PSALM INTO OUR CONTEXT

- HARDSHIP IS PART OF LIFE
- QUESTIONS HAVE NOT CHANGED



## 1. Addressing God & Crying Out to Him

Psalm 13:1-2 (NIV)

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?





Where are you, God?
Have you forgotten me?
How long, God?



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## When the Pit Experiences Come... It's OK to Lament

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#### 2. Requests to God

Psalm 13:3-4 (NIV)

Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.



#### Look on Me



#### Answer Me

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#### Give Light to My Eyes

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OR use alternative slide



#### GIVE LIGHT TO MY EYES



When you are in the pit of despair...

- Keep requesting
- Trust that God is with you

#### 3. Hope Restored

Psalm 13:5-6 (NIV)

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.



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Hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised. Its strength is in God's faithfulness.

Trust God's promises



- Trust God's promises
- Remember God's faithfulness



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- Remember God's faithfulness
- Pay attention to God all around



- Trust God's promises
- Remember God's faithfulness
- Pay attention to God all around
- Wait expectantly



