

FaithPoint Lutheran Church

Message Outline

I Need Help

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Psalms 31:1-3, 5, 9-10, 14-15a: Psalms 102:1-9; 18-22; Matthew 20:29-34

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Sometimes one of the hardest things to do in life is to say, “I need _____.”

“Father, You are good

I need help

They need help

Thank you

In Jesus’ Name, Amen

Jesus _____ us to bring our troubles and worries to him.

Not even the Son of _____ was exempt from the sensation of God abandoning him. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Psalm 22

Probably a good _____ of the Psalms are Psalms of Lament or Sorrow.

“Praise the Lord, from the rising of the sun to the setting of the same, the Name of the Lord is to be praised.” Psalm 113

“Hear my prayer, O Lord; ... do not hide your face from me when I am in distress... My bones burn like glowing embers. My heart is blighted and withered like grass. Because of my loud groaning, I am reduced to skin and bones.” Psalm 102

If I don’t deal with the darkness, the other Psalms won’t _____ out.

How do we pray with expectation and thanksgiving when life is in disarray? How do we “pray without ceasing” when the waves of grief knock us over, when disappointment dashes our plans and a relationship we were finally starting to trust, fails us again?

Jesus prayed alone at night, so full of _____ that he _____ drops of blood.

I’m convinced it is often from a state of helplessness and _____ that we speak our best prayers.

“Without me you can do nothing.” Jesus in John 15

There is a sense where prayer declares our _____ ON GOD.

Does Prayer Make a Difference?

After we pray, we are _____ Prayer _____ us.

There is much in the Bible and in life that we do not understand, but the Bible is not so much about _____ sailing and perfect understanding, as it is about remaining _____ until the end.

“In order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:7b-9

Sometimes we pray out of our ignorance, but God answers out of his Omniscience (his all-_____).

We may pray out of impotence, but God answers out of his Omnipotence (all _____).

We might pray with a feeling that we are alone and that God may seem distant, but God answers with his Omnipresence (Ever present _____).

When times get tough, God wants us to ask for _____

Paul tells us that the Holy Spirit prays for us when we are too _____.

No, we are to labor in prayer as a _____, not a _____

I’m convinced it is often from a state of helplessness and _____ that we speak