

# 40 Day Walk with the Psalmist: When God Seems Silent

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## Psalms 13:1-6

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### 1. THE CRY OF A TROUBLED HEART

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"How long, O Lord?" God is big enough and loves you enough to allow honest questions.

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### 2. THE PRAYER OF A DESPERATE HEART

#### Psalms 13:3-4

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The turning point for David is PRAYER.

The same mouth that complains can also cry out to God.

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### 3. THE CONFIDENCE OF A TRUSTING HEART

#### Psalms 13:5-6

5 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me.

David's circumstances didn't change — but his focus did.

He remembers God's steadfast love and past faithfulness.

## SUMMARY

This psalm reflects a moment when David was waiting in the dark between promise and fulfillment.

David chooses to trust God's steadfast love

David anticipates that God will act

David ends with praise BEFORE the answer comes

When you don't understand what God is doing, trust who God is.