

Haven't Got a Prayer

Part 5-Rough

Introduction

Sometimes it can feel like God has let us down.

“When you are happy, so happy you have no sense of needing Him, so happy that you are tempted to feel His claims upon you as an interruption, if you remember yourself and turn to Him with gratitude and praise, you will be — or so it feels— welcomed with open arms. But go to Him when your need is desperate, when all other help is vain, and what do you find? A door slammed in your face, and a sound of bolting and double bolting on the inside. After that, silence.”

-C.S. Lewis, “A Grief Observed”

Psalm 89

1-18 _____

19-37 _____

-to preserve & protect

-to punish but not abandon

38-49 Problems

It seems like God has not kept the promises. Right now everything's going wrong

50-51 Reproach

psalm ends here

Application

No happy ending in this psalm

-we often feel like we need to get to a good place-
sometimes we can't

This psalm shows how to handle reproach

-Remind: claim God's _____

-Remember: Who God is- _____

Call out to God-sometimes its going to be comfort, not
deliverance- _____

This is not what we want- we want things smoothed &
fixed

That's not life here.

Let Reproach lead to

Reminding & Remembering

Let Problems lead you to focus on

_____ & _____

“When I lay these questions before God I get no answer. But a rather special sort of 'No answer.' It is not the locked door. It is more like a silent, certainly not uncompassionate, gaze. As though He shook His head not in refusal but waiving the question. Like, 'Peace, child; you don't understand.'”

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