



**WHEN YOU FEEL FAR FROM GOD**  
**PSALM 42**

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Even when you feel far from him, God will never leave you.

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? - Psalm 42:1-2

My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" - Psalm 42:3

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng, and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. - Psalm 42:4

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. - Psalm 42:5-6a

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. - Psalm 42:6b

Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. - Psalm 42:7

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. - Psalm 42:8

I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of my enemy?" - Psalm 42:9

As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" - Psalm 42:10

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. - Psalm 42:11

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." - 1 Kings 19:4

Distance in all relationships fires off feelings of distrust and abandonment.

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Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! - Psalm 139:7-8

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. - Psalm 139:9-10

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. - Psalm 139:11-12

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. - Matthew 28:20

### **We can feel far from God when we neglect corporate worship.**

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LET US draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...LET US hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering...LET US consider how to stir one another up to love and to good works, not neglecting to meet together - Hebrews 10:23-25

### **We can feel far from God in times of suffering.**

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### **We can feel far from God when we listen to the enemies of our soul.**

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Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones... When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.- Mark 5:5,15

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When shall I see the face of God? - Psalm 42:2 literal translation

### **Even when you feel far from him, God will never leave you.**

If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." - John 7:37-38