

Be Near, LORD

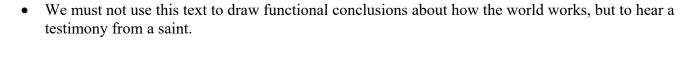
38th in the "Psalms" Series Psalm 38 June 8, 2025 Pastor Casey Ehlers

Introduction

In this passage, the Psalmist, David, pleads with God to rescue him from physical, mental, and communal distress.

Notes:

David identifies his physical suffering with punishment from the LORD (vv. 1-8).



David identifies his sin as causing separation from people and persecution from his enemies (vv. 9-14).

David identifies his only hope as being found in the LORD (vv. 15-22).

Response: Church, may we confess our sins to the LORD and one another and cry out to God in times of suffering (James 5:15-16)!

Sunday Text Questions

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ead the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues needing clarification.	
1)	Which line or phrase of Psalm 38 stands out most and why?
2)	Do you connect your physical suffering with spiritual realities (spiritual warfare, personal sin, the brokenness of creation, etc.)? Why or why not?
3)	Our sin affects not only our relationship with God but also with others. How do you confess your sins to other Christians (and non-Christians)? Is there anyone in your life you need to ask for forgiveness?
4)	David, in faith, committed to waiting on the LORD despite his current circumstances. What would this look like in your life?
5)	In what other ways did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Psalm 37 (Mon); Psalm 39 (Tues); Psalm 6 (Wed); Romans 7 (Thurs); Isaiah 53 (Fri).