



**Be Near, LORD**  
38<sup>th</sup> 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).

- We must not use this text to draw functional conclusions about how the world works, but to hear a testimony from a saint.

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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Read 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).