

Sermon Discussion Questions

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THE CAVE OF LIFE

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1st Samuel 22 and Psalm 142

1. Reading Psalm 142 and 57 had a new meaning for me after knowing the context of David's personal life. Nothing seemed to be going as planned yet he chose to worship God. Can you relate?
2. One of Pastor Kyle's points was "Tell God how you feel". Do you truly feel like you have the freedom to do this? Or do you feel like you're only allowed to relate to God within a certain set of emotions? (*i.e., Do you feel like you're not allowed to be angry at God, to express doubt, feel like God has left you or he doesn't care?, etc.*)
3. What would it look like for you to express how you feel to God? How would that impact your worship?
4. Dan Allender says, *"A person who laments may sound like a grumbler – both vocalize anguish, anger, and confusion. But lament involves even deeper emotion because a lament is truly asking, seeking, and knocking to comprehend the heart of God. A lament involves the energy to search, not to shut down the quest for truth. It is passion to ask, rather than to rant and rave with already reached conclusions. A lament uses language of pain, anger, and confusion and moves toward God."*

Is there a situation where you've been a grumbler but need to transition to lament instead?

5. God was transforming David and then brought 400 men to him to be transformed too. David came to the cave to hide, but God had different plans. Have you ever noticed when we go through hardship that God uses it to minister to us and to others? Can you share a time that you saw this to be true?