

O Lord – I have trusted Your Steadfast Love!

June 12, 2016

Oakbrook Community Church

Psalm 13

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The Feeling of Abandonment

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Again we don't know situation...

but we've all been there – feeling alone and abandoned.

Sometimes we are like Jonah – we want God to leave us alone...

He will give us over Rm 1:19-22,24,26,28

- The weight (stress) of a long-time
- The pain of feeling like God is hiding His face, consider anti-dotes:
Word - Isa 55:10-11; Prayer - Jms 5:16-18; Sacraments - 1 Cor 10:16
- The danger of emotions & feelings (self-counsel)
- The danger of looking at enemies' exaltation

A Prayer in Time of Great Need

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- WSC Q#98 Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to his will in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.
- David prayed from where he was at!
 - look upon me – consider me – let me know YOU are there!
 - answer me – turn back to God's truths
 - otherwise the enemy will triumph

A Recovered Trust in the Lord & Worship

5-6

- The Hope of the Gospel never fails!
- Because I HAVE trusted, I WILL rejoice...
- Why we have a WEEKLY Lord's Day Worship – to remind us of God's truth

Apply: Abraham Rm 4:19-22. Grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God!

Discuss:

What circumstances, sin-patterns, situations cause you to feel abandoned?

What does it mean to "take counsel in my soul"?

Consider Jonah 1:3 what was he trying to do? What was the result? Chp 2

How does regular prayer, worship & reading Word help our feelings?

How important are these 'disciplines of grace'?

Read Rom 4:19-22. How did Abraham grow strong in his faith as he gave glory to God? How can you apply this truth? How did David apply it?

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