



Praying Through Pain: Approaching God in the Hard Times – Pastor Mark Pope  
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1. At the beginning of his message, Pastor Mark shared of a few times when he felt like God was not present. What is a time in your life when you did not feel the presence of God? Why do you think it sometimes feels like God is not present even though he is always present?
2. Read Psalms 13:1-6. Pastor Mark's first point was that when it comes to hard times, get things off your chest – let God know how you feel. What have you been crying out to God for recently? Why should we cry out to God with our problems?
3. The enemy would keep you from engaging in prayer. In what ways does the enemy distract us from seeking God in this area?
4. Pastor Mark challenged us to pray and asked, "What would happen if our hours of whining turned into honest prayer?" So what would happen if we spent hours in prayer and not complaining?
5. Pastor Mark's second point was that when it comes to hard times, end with reestablishing trust with God. Why do you think it is essential to reestablish trust with God when difficult times come our way?
6. Read Matthew 11:28. Jesus wants to give us rest. What are ways that you are resting in Jesus?
7. How can you establish or reestablish trust in Jesus this week? What can you do to trust Jesus more fully?