

**Being Real in Prayer**  
**Prayer & Listening – Part 2**  
**Life Church St. Louis – March 26, 2017**  
**Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker**

*Genesis 3:8 (NIV) Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*

*Psalms 66:18 (NIV) If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;*

*Deuteronomy 31:16-17 (NIV) And the LORD said to Moses: "... these people will soon prostitute themselves to the foreign gods of the land they are entering. They will forsake me and break the covenant I made with them. And in that day I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will hide my face from them, and they will be destroyed. Many disasters and calamities will come on them, and in that day they will ask, 'Have not these disasters come on us because our God is not with us?'*

**1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with God**

*Psalms 74:1 (NIV) O God, why have you rejected us forever? Why does your anger smolder against the sheep of your pasture?*

**1A. \_\_\_\_\_ God of your relationship**

*Psalms 74:2 (NIV) Remember the nation you purchased long ago, the people of your inheritance, whom you redeemed— Mount Zion, where you dwelt.*

**1B. \_\_\_\_\_ what's happened**

*Psalms 74:3, 7 (NIV) Turn your steps toward these everlasting ruins, all this destruction the enemy has brought on the sanctuary. They burned your sanctuary to the ground; they defiled the dwelling place of your Name.*

**1C. Speak of God's \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalms 74:9-10 (NIV) We are given no signs from God; no prophets are left, and none of us knows how long this will be. How long will the enemy mock you, God? Will the foe revile your name forever?*

**2. Remember God's \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalms 74:12 (NIV) But God is my King from long ago; he brings salvation on the earth.*

**2A. Retell God's past \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalms 74:13 (NIV) It was you who split open the sea by your power; you broke the heads of the monster in the waters.*

**2B. Worship God as \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalms 74:16-17 (NIV) The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon. It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.*

**3. Call on God to \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalms 74:18-19 (NIV) Remember how the enemy has mocked you, LORD, how foolish people have reviled your name. Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; do not forget the lives of your afflicted people forever.*

**3A. Remind God of His \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalms 74:20-21 (NIV) Have regard for your covenant, because haunts of violence fill the dark places of the land. Do not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace; may the poor and needy praise your name.*

**3B. Ask God to bring \_\_\_\_\_**

*Psalms 74:22-23 (NIV) Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; remember how fools mock you all day long. Do not ignore the clamor of your adversaries, the uproar of your enemies, which rises continually.*

**Action Plan for This Week**

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
  - Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

- How will I obey God's Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Being Real in Prayer Study Guide

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Intro. Why did Adam and Eve hide from God in the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:8)?

In what ways do people today hide from God? Why do they hide from God?

What impact does sin have on a person's relationship with God (Psalm 66:18)?

Describe the results of sin in a person's life (Deuteronomy 31:16-17).

1A. How is the psalmist being honest and real with God in Psalm 74:1?

1B. Why is it important to remember better times in your relationship with God (Psalm 74:2)?

1C. What is the point of telling God what's happened in our lives when He knows all about it (Psalm 74:3-7)?

1D. Why do you think that God was silent and distant from the psalmist (Psalm 74:9-10)?

1E. What do you think was God's principal purpose in putting Psalm 74 into His Word?

2A. In what ways is the psalmist shifting the focus of his prayer in Psalm 74:12?

2B. What great miracles is the psalmist referring to in Psalm 74:13-15? Why do you think he uses poetic language?

2C. What is the impact on a person of worshipping God as creator (Psalm 74:16-17)?

2D. What does shifting the focus of prayer from the problem to the greatness of God do for the one praying?

3A. How is the psalmist appealing to God to act (Psalm 74:18-19)?

3B. What place do God's promises have in prayer (Psalm 74:20-21)?

3C. What principle of prayer is revealed by the psalmist language in Psalm 74:22-23 of "your cause", "mock you", "your adversaries" and "your enemies"?

3D. Is there a situation in your own life where you have been hiding from God or found it difficult to be real with God? If yes, how could that change?