

A Psalm of Instruction: A Template for Prayer

- I. The progression of this prayer
 - A. Testimonies of God's _____ remembered.
 - B. Current condition _____.
 - C. Disconnect leading to _____.
 - D. Request _____.

- II. The New Testament's direct reference to Psalm 44.
 - A. None of these things are indications of God's rejection of us!

 - B. For Your sake...

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This is the 9th week of Growth Groups. For those of you in leadership, please remember that Pastor Darrell would like to meet with as many G3 facilitators and hosts from 11:30am-12:30pm at the church on November 10th. Please RSVP to the church office.
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

* If you could turn any activity into an Olympic sport, what would you have a good chance at winning medal for?

* What stood out to you about Psalm 44 or about the message from Sunday?

DIGGING DEEPER -

Psalm 44 can be broken down into 4 parts:

1. The distant past (vss. 1-3) God’s past acts of deliverance

We all have a past, some shorter and some longer. How would you describe in a few sentences your past?

Share with the group a time in your past that you felt like God gave you victory over a difficult situation. Or perhaps you recall a story that your grandparents or parents shared with you about God helping them?

2. The nearer past (vss. 4-8) God’s more recent deliverances

The author writes how he will “not trust in my bow, nor shall my sword save me” – What are some things we as Christians put our trust in over God? How does it affect your relationship with God when you’ve trusted in other things/people?

3. The present (vss. 9-22) Present adversity despite faithfulness

The author is basically saying in these verses “we’ve done everything you’ve wanted and yet God it seems like you’ve abandoned us”.

Have you ever had anyone express feeling like this about God to you? If so how did you respond?

Have you experienced a time where you were victorious but now feel beaten down?

4. The future (vss. 23-26) Trusting in God’s love & help

Our victories are never in our own strength, but by God’s strength. How do we sustain this knowledge and hope?

TAKING IT HOME –

Times in our life we feel like the Psalm’s author, we’ve been faithful but are “accounted as sheep for the slaughter”. But Paul takes this passage and builds on it. **Read Romans 8:31-39.** What emotions do you experience reading this passage?

PRAYER REQUESTS (be sure to save 15-30 minutes for prayer)

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