

WEEK THREE: LISTENING TO GOD

143: When Your Back is Against the Wall

Is God silent, or are we deaf?

Key Scripture

Psalm 13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt God's nudge or leading in something?
2. In your own life, do you feel like you've been deaf or God has been silent?
3. As a group, read Psalm 13 – is there a part of that psalm that really speaks to you?
 - a. Why is David so amped up here?
 - b. Why does his tone shift at the end to 'all happy?'
4. Is it hard to stay faithful to God when it seems like your prayers aren't being answered?

What Do I Do with This?

- Pinpoint an area in your life where you feel like God is being particularly silent. How will you handle this moving forward? Is it a place where you are being deaf or is it a place where you need to apply more faith in spite of the silence?
- How can other people help you through this time of silence? What prayer partners can you enlist?

PRAYER

Spend some time asking for prayer requests as a group.

As you pray – make sure that you really pray hard that we would stay faithful even when it seems like we don't have much to stay faithful to. Praying even when you don't feel like it is powerful prayer because it doesn't well up from a feeling, but is anchored in a decision.

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Two great articles on what is the Dark Night of the Soul:

- <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/the-dark-night-of-the-soul>
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/dark-night-soul.html>