

NEXT RIGHT STEP



Week #4: Toward Renewal

Psalm 143 (NLT)

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I ponder all your great works
and think about what you have done.*
- 6 *I lift my hands to you in prayer.
I thirst for you as parched land thirsts for rain.*

- 7 *Come quickly, Lord, and answer me,
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or I will die.*
- 8 ***Let me hear of your unfailing love each morning,
for I am trusting you.
Show me where to walk,
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- 9 *Rescue me from my enemies, Lord;
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- 10 *Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.*

*May your gracious Spirit lead me forward
on a firm footing.*

11 *For the glory of your name, O Lord, preserve my life.*

Because of your faithfulness, bring me out of this distress.

12 *In your unfailing love, silence all my enemies*

and destroy all my foes,

for I am your servant.

How to Pray and Live in Difficult Times:

- Pray with _____ . (v7)
- Pray for _____ with a posture of _____ . (v8)
- Pray for _____ with a posture of _____ . (v8)
- Pray for _____ with a posture of _____ . (v9)
- Pray for _____ and _____ . (v10)
- Pray for God to _____ for his _____ . (v11-12)

Discussion Questions

1. In times of difficulty, how can you authentically express your desperation to God? What might be preventing you from crying out to God?
2. How do trust and surrender influence your ability to hear God's direction? What practical steps can you take to align your heart to his will?
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- Pray for renewal with a posture of trust. (v8)
- Pray for direction with a posture of surrender. (v8)
- Pray for rescue with a posture of dependance. (v9)
- Pray for obedience and stability. (v10)
- Pray for God to turn it around for his glory. (v11-12)

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