

The background of the image is a soft-focus landscape featuring rolling hills or mountains in shades of brown and green. At the bottom, there is a calm body of water with a light blue-green tint.

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**GOD, ARE YOU LISTENING?**  
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# GOD, ARE YOU LISTENING?

**Know this  
above all else,  
God hears and  
listens to every  
one of your  
prayers.**

@TrustGodbro

“ When you need  
God knows  
When you ask  
God listens  
When you believe  
God works ”



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# GOD, ARE YOU LISTENING?

If only God would give me some clear sign!  
Like making a large deposit in my name at a  
Swiss Bank.

Woody Allen

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God listens.<sup>®</sup>  
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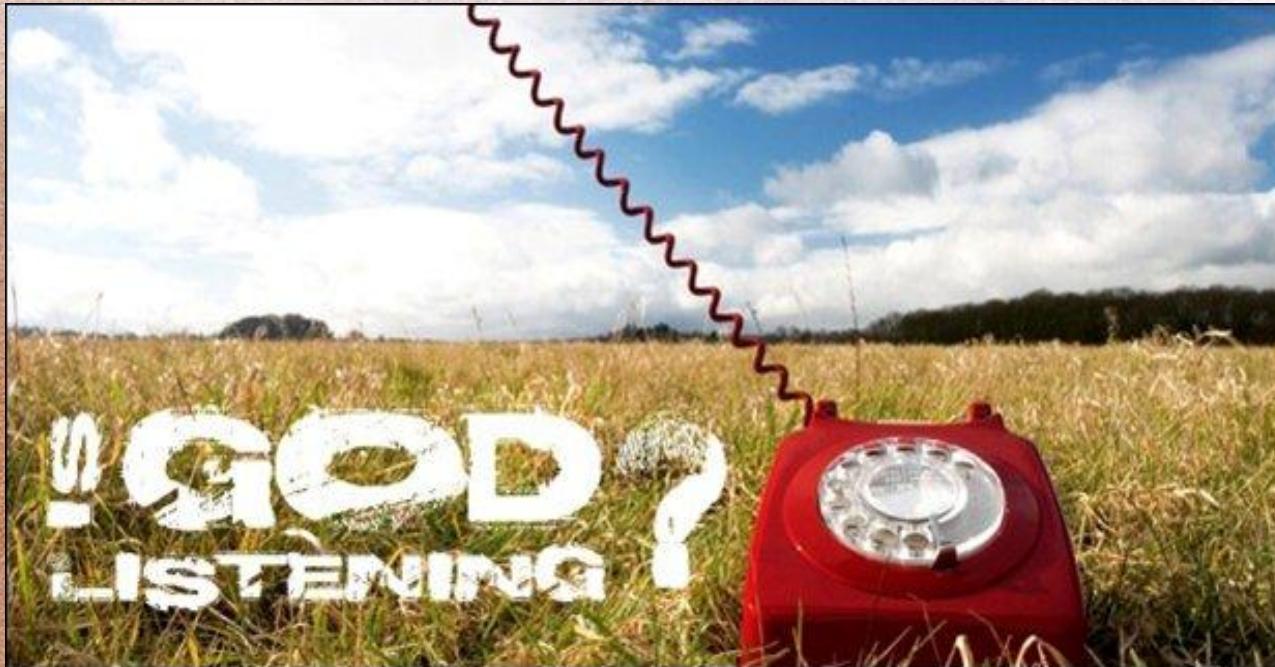
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# LOOKING IT OVER...

Authorship: “Psalm of David”

A Classic Structure

A General Topic

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# A CRY FROM DEEP NEED (1-5)

Bases his Pleas on...

His God

A bedrock passage for God's people...

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# Exodus 34:6

The LORD passed before him (Moses) and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness...

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# A CRY FROM DEEP NEED (1-5)

Bases his Pleas on...

His God

His “godliness”

His Trust – and desire to live it faithfully

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# A CRY FROM DEEP NEED (1-5)

Beginnings of the Plea...

Be gracious to me

Make my soul glad

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# A GOD WHO ANSWERS (6-7)

The Plea continues: Please pay attention!

Day(S) of Trouble

When pain persists and you've hit bottom...

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# A GOD WHO ANSWERS (6-7)

“You can never learn that Christ is all you need,  
until Christ is all you have.”

Corrie Ten Boom

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# A GOD WHO ANSWERS (6-7)

"God is more concerned with conforming me to the likeness of His Son than leaving me in my comfort zones. God is more interested in inward qualities than outward circumstances - things like refining my faith, humbling my heart, cleaning up my thought life and strengthening my character."

"God doesn't just give us grace; He gives us Jesus, the Lord of grace."

Joni Eareckson Tada

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# A GOD WHO ANSWERS (6-7)

The Plea continues: Please pay attention!

Day(S) of Trouble

Trust: "...for You WILL answer me!"

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# A HELPER UNEQUALLED (8-10)

This God who answers is above  
ALL GODS

*Verse 8 answers an ancient biblical question  
borne out of the parting of the Red Sea.*

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# Exodus 15:11-13

Who is like You among the Gods, O Lord? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders? You stretched out Your right hand, the earth swallowed them. In your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed...

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# A HELPER UNEQUALLED (8-10)

This God who answers is above  
ALL GODS

This God who answers is passionate about  
ALL NATIONS

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# Genesis 12:2-3

...and I will make you a great nation,  
and I will bless you, and make your  
name great; and so *you shall be a*  
*blessing*; and I will bless those who  
bless you, and the one who curses you  
I will curse.

And *in you all the families of the earth*  
*will be blessed.*

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# A HEART THAT TRUSTS (11-13)

In what kind of heart soil  
is TRUST most vibrantly cultivated?

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# A HEART THAT TRUSTS (11-13)

Teachability

Truth-walking

Single-heartedness

Fear of the Lord's Name

Gratitude

Priority on Glory

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# TOWARD ‘TRUSTY’ LIVING (14-17)

Eyes on the SOLVER, not the problem(s)

PRAISE

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# TOWARD ‘TRUSTY’ LIVING (14-17)

"Like supernatural effervescence, praise will sometimes bubble up from the joy of simply knowing Christ. But praise can also be supernatural determination. A decisive action. Praise like that is...quiet resolve. Fixed devotion. Strength of spirit."

Joni Eareckson Tada

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PRAISE

PRAY

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# TOWARD ‘TRUSTY’ LIVING (14-17)

“I choose to thank you for the trials... You bring my way because Your love is tough. Thank You for holding onto me and not holding back, and thank You for continuing Your tender care even when you’re putting me through refining fires. In the midst...make me more aware of You and Your love than of any visible things in my life.”

Ruth Myers – The Satisfied Heart

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# TOWARD ‘TRUSTY’ LIVING (14-17)

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PRAISE

PRAY

PRESUME

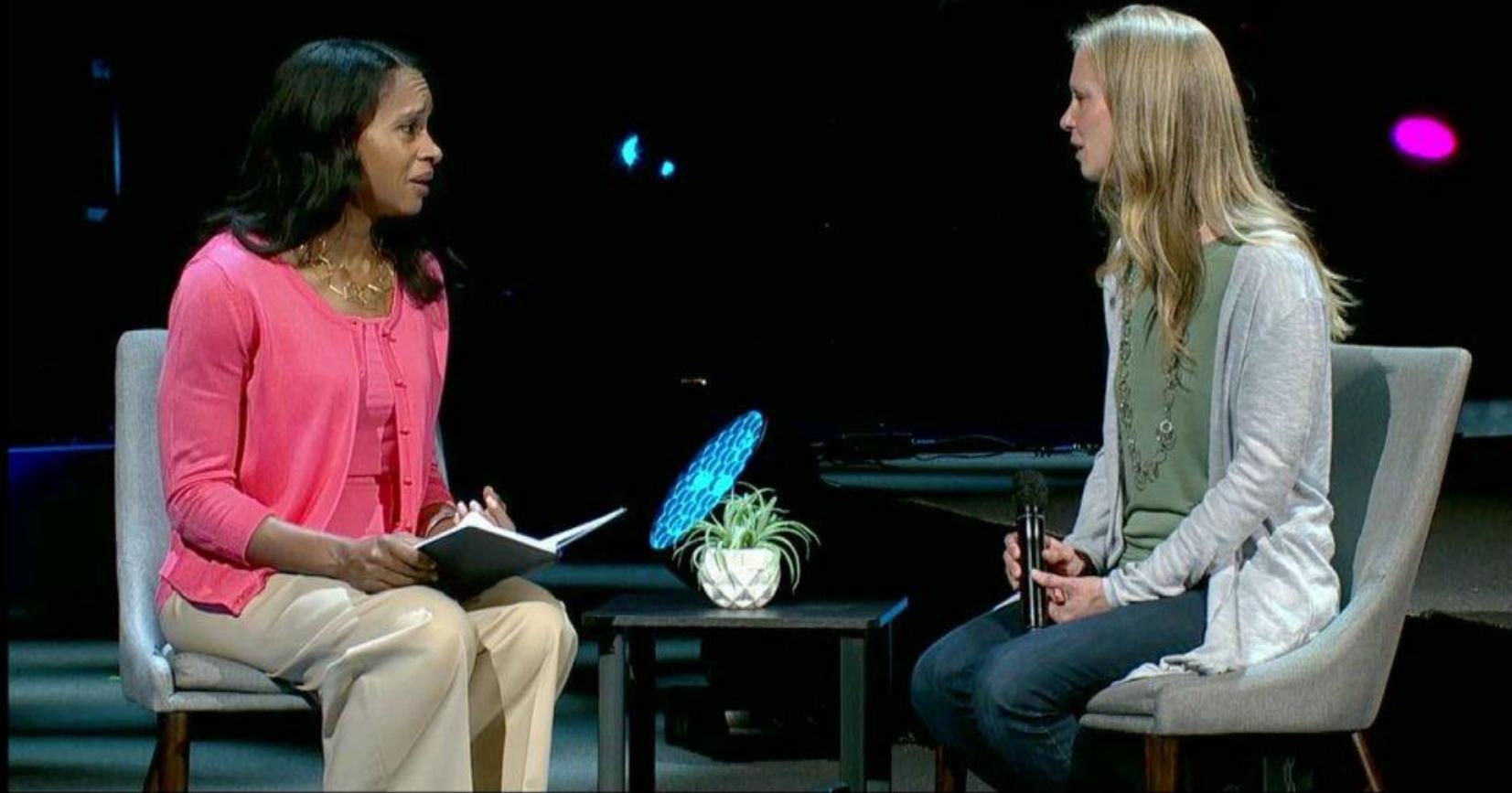
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# WRAPPING IT UP...

“Leaning in to our Trials”

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# WRAPPING IT UP...

Exercise your TRUST muscle:

- Settle it: Do you *TRUST* Him or not?
- Pray like David did (*honestly, expectantly*).
- A ‘step of trust’ in your present need.
- A ‘step of trust’ that reaches (*globally*).

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