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## 1. Reality

### ➤ David was a target.

*Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; preserve me from violent men, who plan evil things in their heart and stir up wars continually. They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's, and under their lips is the venom of asps. Selah Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from violent men, who have planned to trip up my feet. The arrogant have hidden a trap for me, and with cords they have spread a net; beside the way they have set snares for me. Selah* Psalm 140:1-5

*When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.* Psalm 142:3

For David's story pertaining to him being a target, read 1 Samuel 19-24.

### ➤ David had enemies.

*Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! I have fled to you for refuge. For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.* Psalm 143:9, 11-12

*I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.* John 17:14

### ➤ David felt abandoned.

*Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.* Psalm 142:4

## 2. Real Intimacy

### ➤ A demanding audience with God

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- To be heard

*I say to the LORD, You are my God; give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!* Psalm 140:6

*O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you!* Psalm 141:1

*With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.* Psalm 142:1-2,5-6

*Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!* Psalm 143:1

- To be seen

### ➤ An understood safety

### ➤ Exposure

## 3. Real Faith

### ➤ Hope for better

*May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace; may our granaries be full, providing all kinds of produce; may our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields; may our cattle be heavy with young, suffering no mishap or failure in bearing; may there be no cry of distress in our streets! Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall! Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!* Psalm 144:12-15

### ➤ Obedience

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!* Psalm 143:10

- Noah

- Moses

### ➤ Surrender

*I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands. I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.*

Psalm 143:5-7

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