

Thirteenth Sunday in Kingdomtide

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SERMON SERIES

Where is God When It Hurts?

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

"Just Around the Corner"

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-12
(New Revised Standard Version)

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
10 even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
12 even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Sermon Notes

The psalmist tells us that God in loving kindness meets us at every corner in the path of life – *“You search out my path...and are acquainted with all my ways”* (v. 3). Let’s bring this closer to home in more specific ways:

1) God is there at the _____.

“If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me...” v. 9-10

2) God is there at the _____.

“If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,” even the darkness is not dark to you.” v. 11-12a

3) God is there at the _____.

“The night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.”
v. 12b

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