

When it seems God isn't listening, that He's "forgotten to be gracious" (Psalm 77:9), what should you do?

- Recognize that your experience is not unique and doesn't mean you are an outcast from God's redeemed family.
- Seek out a fellow believer with whom you can share your feelings and ask for prayer

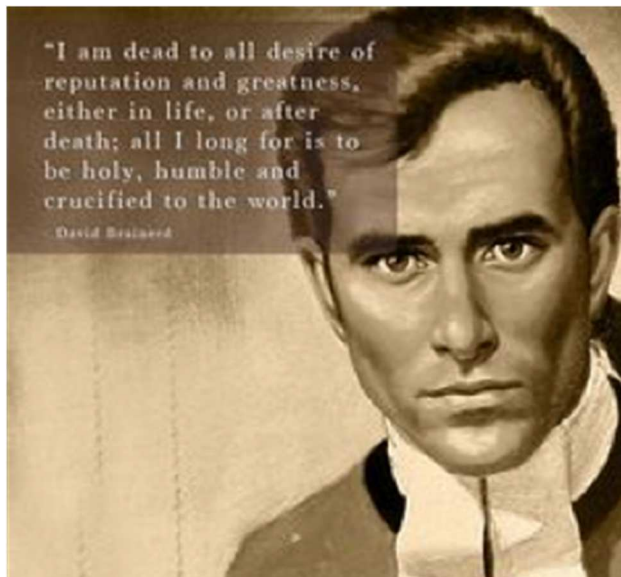
(1 Thessalonians 5:25). *Brethren, pray for us.*

- Meditate on the truths of Scripture and what God has done for you in the past
(Psalms 77:11-12) *I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. (12) I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.*
Keep on praying in faith to your great God, no matter how silent heaven may seem
(Luke 18:1) *Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,*

Remember, our God is "the God who does wonders"! (Psalm 77:14). —VCG

*And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer. —Walford*

When it comes to prayer, don't hang up—hang on!



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"God Hides His Face"

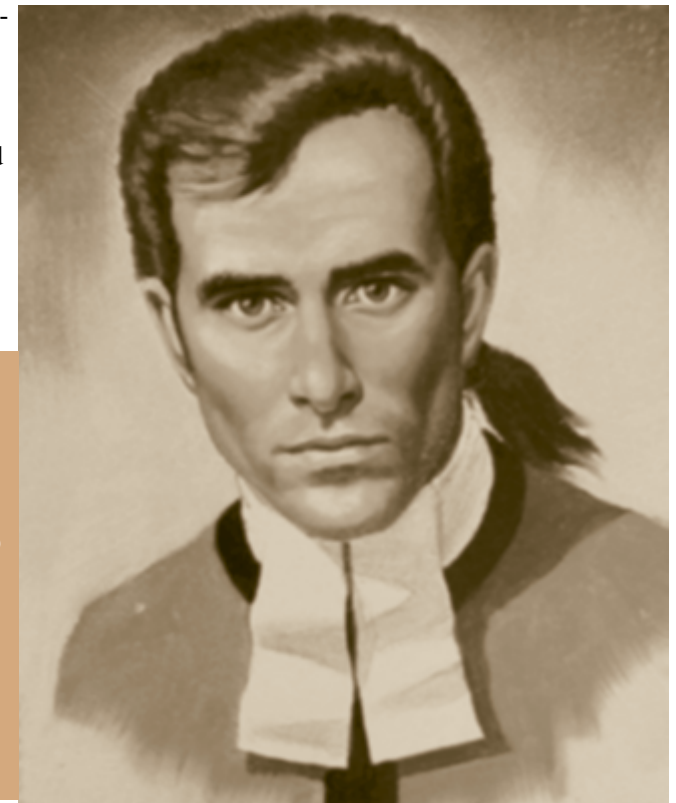
Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favourable no more? —Psalm 77:7

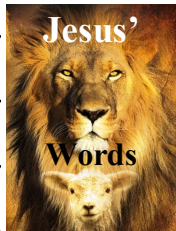
Does it ever seem as if you can't get through to God in prayer? If so, you're not alone.

David Brainerd was a godly missionary to the North American Indians in colonial days. He kept a diary in which he recorded his spiritual mountain peaks as well as his valleys. At one point he wrote, "I lodge in a bundle of straw, my labour is hard and extremely difficult, and I have little appearance of success to comfort me. . . . But what makes all my difficulties grievous to be borne is that God hides His face from me."

**"I am dead to all
desire of reputation
and greatness, either
in life, or after death;
all I long for is to be
holy, and crucified to
the world.**

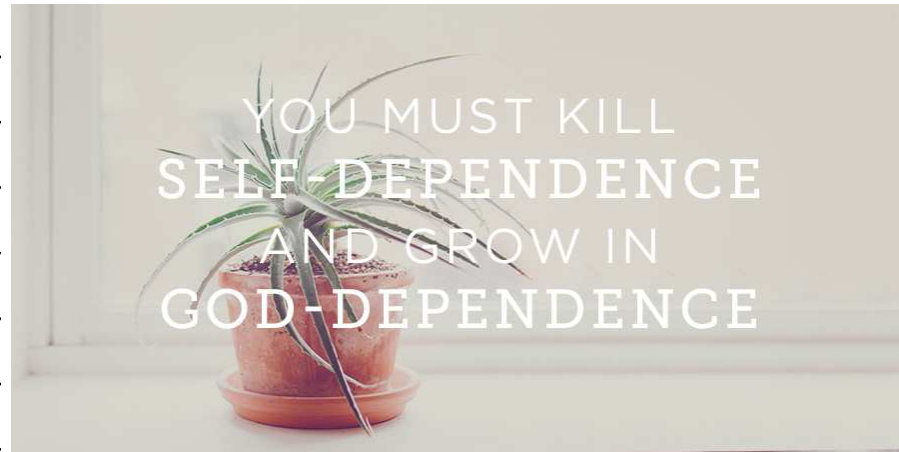
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Don't Forget to .. (V)

(Galatians 3:3) Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?



In Luke 17-18, Jesus reminds us about a number of Christian essentials. Today 3 more:

1. Be _____, 17:11-19

(Luke 17:11) And it came to pass, as they were on the way to Jerusalem, that he was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. [translation]

(Ephesians 5:20) giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,



Why Me?

2. _____, 18:1-8

(Luke 18:7) And will not God do right in the cause of his saints, whose cries come day and night to his ears, though he is long in doing it? [translation]



3. Be _____, 18:9-14

