



## Where Is God When I Am Drowning In My Tears

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God with Us

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Broken hearts and shattered dreams take many shapes and forms.

Some are massive and some are the stuff of ordinary life, but we all face times when dreams don't come true and life does not turn out how we planned.

An [ordinary](#) person with an [extraordinary](#) story: Meeting [Hannah](#)

This went on year after year.

(1 Samuel 1:7)

1 Samuel 1:15-16

*15 "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. 16 Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."*

When God Seems [Far Away](#).

Have you ever [felt](#) like this?

Have you faced a season when your heart was broken, food brought no joy, and words of encouragement did not lift your spirits?

1 Samuel 1:8

*8 Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"*

Has your pain ever been so deep and bitter that you found yourself negotiating with God?

1 Samuel 1:10-11

*10 In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. 11 And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."*

**The God Who Is [With Us](#)**

**Recognizing God's [presence](#) and [power](#) in Jesus.**

**Hannah experienced the amazing grace and provision of God and an affirmative answer to her prayers.**

1 Samuel 1:20

*20 So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."*

1 Samuel 2:1-2

*Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. 2 "There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.*

**God comes near in the times of deepest heartache.**

**When we experience God's comfort, grace, and care in hard times, we can become a conduit of that grace.**

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.*

**Immanuel, God with us, brings the presence and power of [heaven](#) to our [lives](#). [Unwrap](#) the gift of Jesus.**

**God knows the condition of your heart today. He cares.**

**God does not leave you alone in your pain. He is present.**

**God can heal and then pour through the cracks of your broken heart. He redeems.**

Psalm 147:1-5

*Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. 4 He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.*