

# Express Our Heart

Season of Worship – Part 4

12.27.15 – New Life Church

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## I. David’s heart expression.

**Psalm 142:1-5 (NLT)** *I cry out to the LORD; I plead for the LORD’s mercy. <sup>2</sup> I pour out my complaints before him and tell him all my troubles. <sup>3</sup> When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way I should turn. Wherever I go, my enemies have set traps for me. <sup>4</sup> I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; no one cares a bit what happens to me. <sup>5</sup> Then I pray to you, O LORD. I say, “You are my place of refuge. You are all I really want in life.*

## II. Worship God’s faithfulness.

**Psalm 42:3-5 (MSG)** *I’m on a diet of tears— tears for breakfast, tears for supper. All day long people knock at my door, Pestering, “Where is this God of yours?” <sup>4</sup> {But} these are the things {I remember}, I go over and over them, emptying out the pockets of my life. I was always at the head of the worshiping crowd, right out in front, Leading them all, eager to arrive and worship, Shouting praises, singing thanksgiving— celebrating, all of us, God’s feast!*

<sup>5</sup> Why are you down in the dumps, dear soul? Why are you crying the blues? Fix my eyes on God— soon I'll be praising again. He puts a smile on my face. He's my God.

**Lamentations 3:18-23 (MSG)** I said to myself, "This is it. I'm finished. GOD is a lost cause." <sup>19</sup> I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed. <sup>20</sup> I remember it all—oh, how well I remember— the feeling of hitting the bottom. <sup>21</sup> But there's one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope: <sup>22</sup> GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. <sup>23</sup> They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness!

### III. Worship God's power.

**Psalms 102:1-18 (NLT)** LORD, hear my prayer! Listen to my plea! <sup>2</sup> Don't turn away from me in my time of distress. Bend down to listen, and answer me quickly when I call to you. <sup>7</sup> I lie awake, lonely as a solitary bird on the roof. <sup>11</sup> My life passes as swiftly as the evening shadows. I am withering away like grass. <sup>12</sup> But you, O LORD, will sit on your throne forever. Your fame will endure to every generation. <sup>13</sup> You will arise and have mercy... <sup>15</sup> Then the nations will tremble before the LORD. The kings of the earth will tremble before his glory. <sup>17</sup> He will listen to the prayers of the destitute. He will not reject their pleas. <sup>18</sup> Let this be recorded for future generations, so that a people not yet born will praise the LORD.

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