

"The Prayer of the Distressed" (Psalm 143)

In the Distressing Periods of Life, There Is Something More Important Than Relief

Respond to Me - Ps 143:1-6

- A significant part of praying is waiting - Is 40:31; 49:23; Lam 3:25-26

...in surrender

...with expectancy

- To wait is to rest in the character of God - Ps 143:1,10; 1 Pet 2:6

★ "I WANT TO SEE/HEAR FROM YOU MORE THAN I WANT RELIEF."

Reveal Yourself to Me - Ps 143:7

- Revelation is self-disclosure - Mk 4:35-41; Jo 11:25

- Who and Where we believe God to be changes the way we live - Jo 17:3

..."I want to know you"

★ "I WANT TO KNOW YOU MORE THAN I WANT RELIEF."

Re-align Me - Ps 143:8-10

- Unto You I lift up my soul - Ps 143:8

...put me back in line with your love -Ps 143:8

- Those who know they are loved are teachable - Ps 143:8,10; Ro 12:1-2

...humility: no confidence in himself

...hiddenness: we do not hide from God but in God

★ "I WANT TO DO YOUR WILL MORE THAN I WANT RELIEF."

Re-LIFE Me - Ps 143:11; Is 42:3-4

- So I can be an expression of Your Life - for your "sake"/glory - Ps 143:11,12

...by Your authority/say so - Lk 1:38

★ "I WANT TO BE AN EXPRESSION OF YOUR LIFE MORE THAN I WANT RELIEF."