

# Sermon Notes

## God, Are You Still There?

**Scripture-** Psalm 77:7-9 (NLT), *"<sup>7</sup>Has the Lord rejected me forever? Will he never again be kind to me? <sup>8</sup>Is his unfailing love gone forever? Have his promises permanently failed? <sup>9</sup>Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he slammed the door on his compassion?"*

### What Causes Us to Question God's Presence?

1. When our Prayers have not been answered- Psalm 77:2 (NLT), *"<sup>2</sup>When I was in deep trouble, I searched for the Lord. All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul was not comforted."*
2. When Worries consume our thoughts- Psalm 77:4 (NLT), *"<sup>4</sup>You don't let me sleep. I am too distressed even to pray!"*
3. When we Dwell on how life used to be- Psalm 77:5-6 (NLT), *"<sup>5</sup> I think of the good old days, long since ended, <sup>6</sup> when my nights were filled with joyful songs. I search my soul and ponder the difference now."*

### How to Feel God's Presence Again

1. Remember the Good things that God has done- Psalm 77:11(NLT), *"<sup>11</sup>But then I recall all you have done, O Lord; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago."*
2. Remember that God is in control- Psalm 77:13-15 (NLT), *"<sup>13</sup> O God, your ways are holy. Is there any god as mighty as you? <sup>14</sup> You are the God of great wonders! You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.<sup>15</sup> By your strong arm, you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph"*
3. Remember to Give God praise- Psalm 77:16-17 (NLT), *"<sup>16</sup>When the Red Sea saw you, O God, its waters looked and trembled! The sea quaked to its very depths. <sup>17</sup>The clouds poured down rain; the thunder rumbled in the sky. Your arrows of lightning flashed."*