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Answers to Tough Questions: Why don't I feel close to God?

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Jeremiah 29:13

Introduction



I. You're not alone





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- David



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I Samuel 17:45

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted.”



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Psalm 22:1-2

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning.

² O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but ¹I have no rest.



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II Corinthians 12:7-19

¹⁷ Certainly I have not taken advantage of you through any of those whom I have sent to you, have I? ¹⁸ I urged Titus to go, and I sent the brother with him. Titus did not take any advantage of you, did he? Did we not ^[i]conduct ourselves ^[i]in the same spirit and walk in the same steps?



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“My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:46

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- If you always felt God, you wouldn't need faith.



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- Is there a sin you have gotten comfortable with?

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- Acts 17:26-27

²⁶ and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;



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4. Jeremiah 29:13

¹³ You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.



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- Hebrews 13:5

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- *Just because God feels distant doesn't mean God is absent*

Conclusion

