### heavyWAITS



Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck.

- <sup>2</sup> Deeper and deeper I sink into the mire; I can't find a foothold. I am in deep water, and the floods overwhelm me.
- <sup>3</sup> I am exhausted from crying for help; my throat is parched. My eyes are swollen with weeping, waiting for my God to help me.
- <sup>4</sup> Those who hate me without cause outnumber the hairs on my head. Many enemies try to destroy me with lies, demanding that I give back what I didn't steal.



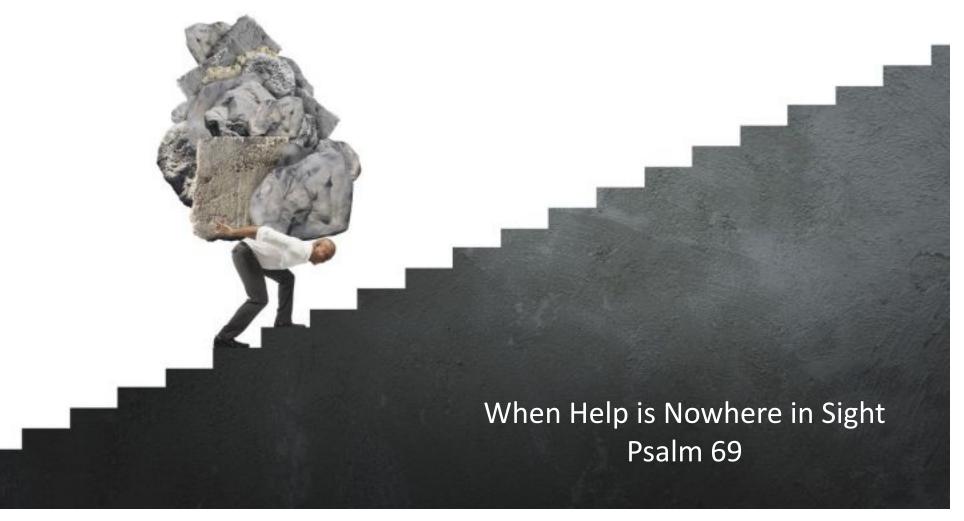
- Even my own brothers pretend they don't know me; they treat me like a stranger.
- <sup>9</sup> Passion for your house has consumed me, and the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.
  - <sup>10</sup> When I weep and fast, they scoff at me.
- <sup>11</sup> When I dress in burlap to show sorrow, they make fun of me.
- <sup>12</sup> I am the favorite topic of town gossip, and all the drunks sing about me.



- <sup>13</sup> But I keep praying to you, LORD, hoping this time you will show me favor. In your unfailing love, O God, answer my prayer with your sure salvation.
- Rescue me from the mud; don't let me sink any deeper! Save me from those who hate me, and pull me from these deep waters.
  - <sup>15</sup> Don't let the floods overwhelm me, or the deep waters swallow me, or the pit of death devour me.
  - <sup>16</sup> Answer my prayers, O LORD, for your unfailing love is wonderful. Take care of me, for your mercy is so plentiful.
- <sup>17</sup> Don't hide from your servant; answer me quickly, for I am in deep trouble!

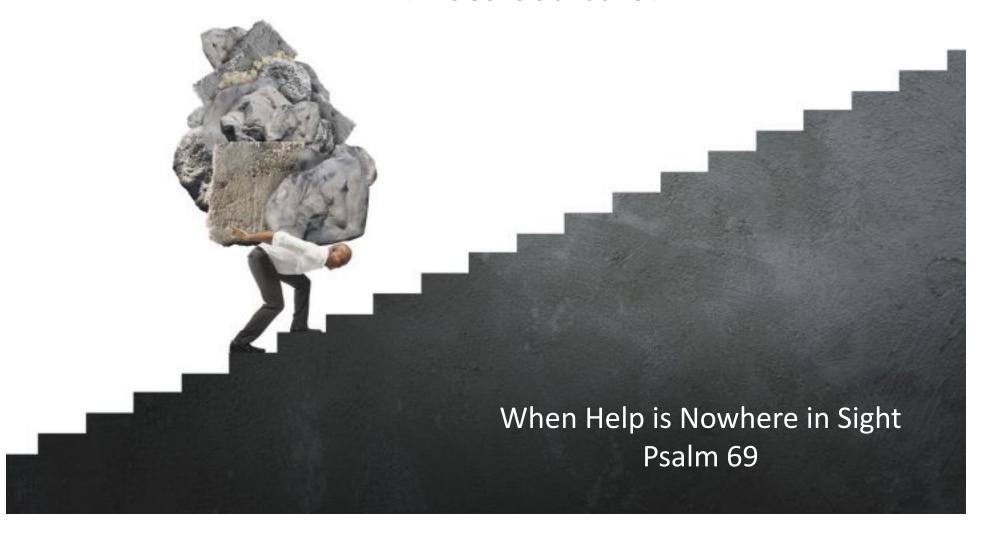


# The longer uncertainty lingers, the more helpless we feel





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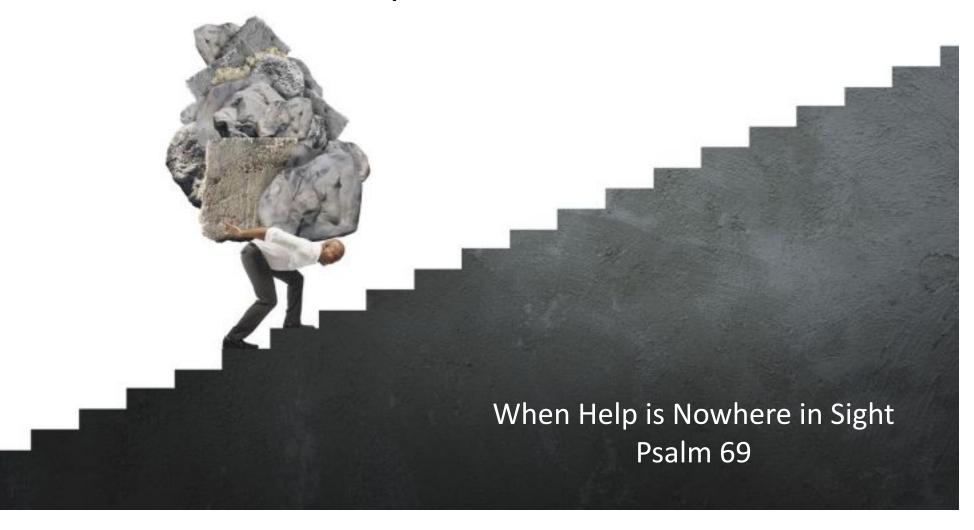




- <sup>29</sup> I am suffering and in pain. Rescue me, O God, by your saving power.
- <sup>30</sup> Then I will praise God's name with singing, and I will honor him with thanksgiving.
  - <sup>31</sup> For this will please the LORD more than sacrificing cattle, more than presenting a bull with its horns and hooves.
- <sup>32</sup> The humble will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who seek God's help be encouraged.
  - <sup>33</sup> For the LORD hears the cries of the needy; he does not despise his imprisoned people...



# Hope is most powerful when we feel most powerless

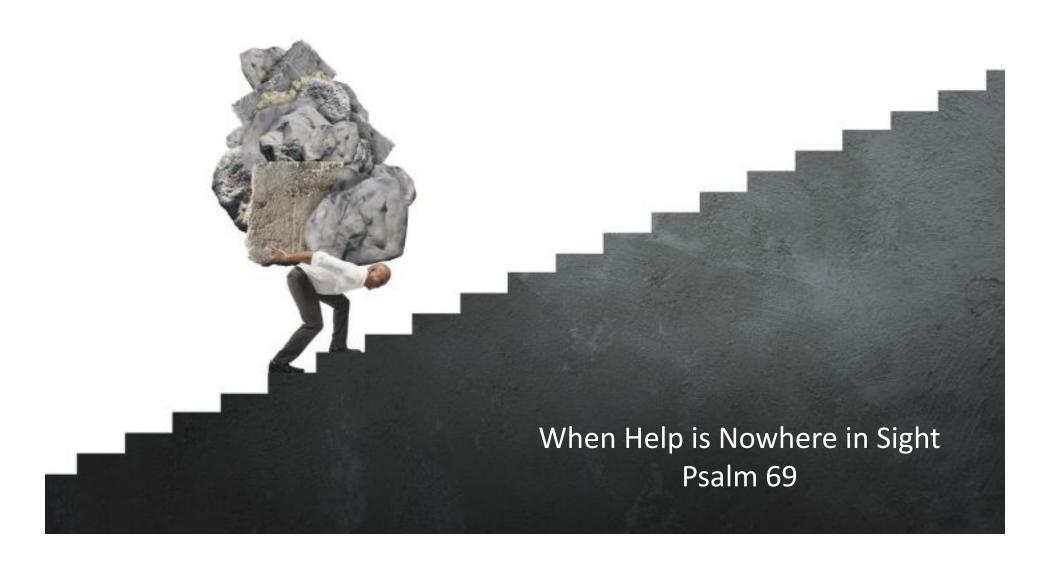


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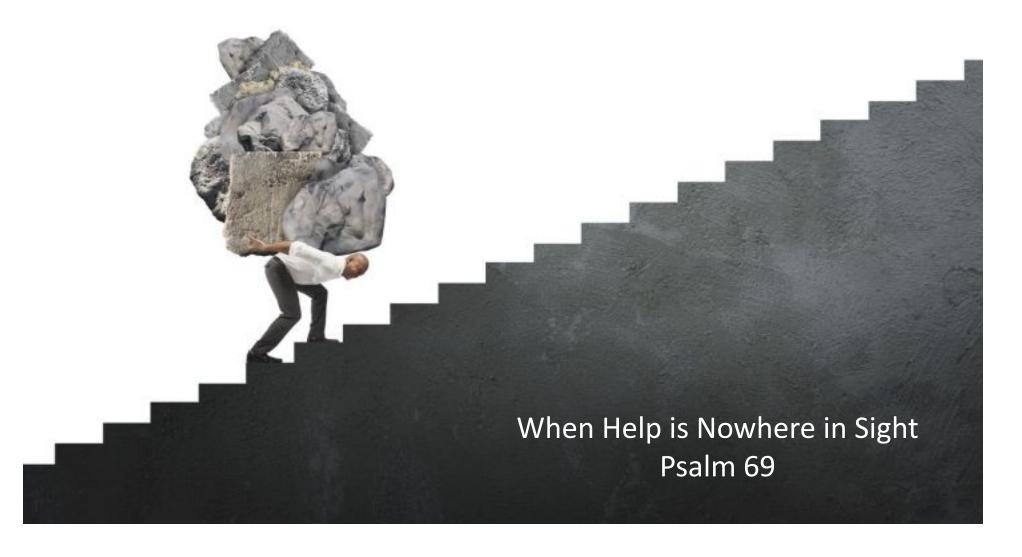
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- 1. The promises of God
- 2. Prayer





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- 3. The Spirit of God





- 1. The promises of God
- 2. Prayer
- 3. The Spirit of God
- 4. Other believers

When Help is Nowhere in Sight Psalm 69