

DO NOT FORSAKE ME!

August 16, 2020 Psalm 71

Do you ever feel like a castaway? “Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone (Psalm 71:9).” “Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God (71:18).” Tell me. The writer is_____?

Our key verse is Psalm 71:14, **“As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.”** This is a prayer of lament and praise.

1. I need help

- “Rescue me and deliver me...save me (71:2).” “From the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the evil and cruel (71:4).”
- He feels like his strength is gone (71:9).
- What do his enemies say about him? 71:10-11 His enemies were like dogs nipping at his heels.
- He said that God was his refuge, his rock of refuge, his rock & fortress.

2. You ask God to help you because you have a relationship with Him

- “From birth I have relied on you...” 71:6
- You have been my hope, my confidence since my youth. 71:5,17
- What he says is that yes he has problems, BUT GOD... 71:14,20
- How great is our God! 71:19 “Who is like you, God?”

3. Why does he ask God to help him?

- “I have become a sign to many...” 71:7
- “...Till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come (71:18).” PASS IT ON!

4. Your hope, trust and confidence in God leads to praise

- Never underestimate the power of prayer and praise!!!
- “I will ever praise you.” 71:6 “My mouth is filled with your praise...” vs. 8
- “My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds...all day long...” 71:15-17, 22-24

