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**How We Overcome**  
**Psalm 20**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

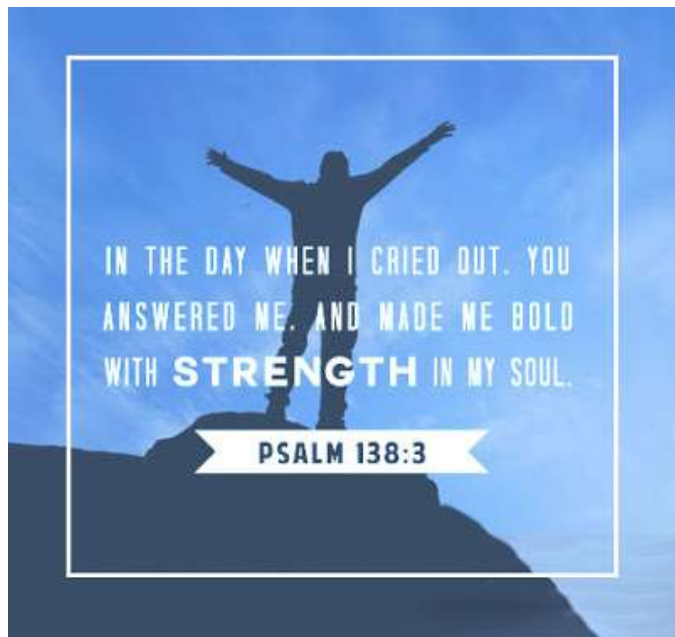
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we are starting a 4 part series looking at the attributes and character of God that we find in the Psalms. We will look at a different Psalm each week and seek to understand how God is interacting with us. This week we will consider where we turn in times of trouble. We all face difficult times and have to deal with times of trouble. The Psalmist reminds us that our confidence must lie with God. How can we continue to turn to God offering our worries and challenges in life? How can we be confident that He will deal with all our troubles?

## Read Psalm 20 (NET)

<sup>1</sup> May the Lord answer you when you are in trouble;

may the God of Jacob make you secure!

<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from his temple;  
from Zion may he give you support!

<sup>3</sup> May he take notice of your offerings;  
may he accept your burnt sacrifice! (Selah)

<sup>4</sup> May he grant your heart's desire;

may he bring all your plans to pass!

<sup>5</sup> Then we will shout for joy over your victory;

we will rejoice in the name of our God!

May the Lord grant all your requests!

<sup>6</sup> Now I am sure that the Lord will deliver his chosen king;

he will intervene for him from his holy heavenly temple, and display his mighty ability to deliver.

<sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and others in horses,  
but we depend on the Lord our God.

<sup>8</sup> They will fall down,  
but we will stand firm.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord will deliver the king;  
he will answer us when we call to him for help!

## **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

8. Is there a promise in the first 4 verses about what God will do for us?

9. Is there a promise in verse 6 about what the Lord will do? If so, what is it?

10. Does the Psalm give us reason to turn to the Lord in times of trouble?

11. Why should we boast in the name of the Lord?

12. What instruction does this Psalm give for when we face times of trouble in our lives?

13. Is there an implied warning in the Psalm?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

14. What has God done that leads us to believe that He will help us in times of trouble?

15. What do you sometimes find yourself misplacing confidence in?

16. How can we remind ourselves that our confidence should be in the Lord?

## **Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

## **SERMON NOTES**