

A Playlist for the 1st Century Church
A Search for Steadfast Love
Psalm 44

Question: In times of suffering and hardship, when it seems that God does not care, where can we turn?

I. Confidence in Our God who has Helped in Ages Past (1-8)

- A. Help In ages past (historical memory)
- B. Help in my past (a personal accounting)

II. Complaint About the Present (9-22)

- A. A Recounting of where God has led them (9-16)
- B. A Context of faithfulness - ruling out discipline (17-22)

II. Crying out to God on the Basis of His Steadfast Love (23-26)

Point to Ponder: Suffering, hardship, and trials are not easy to endure yet they become even more so when we believe that there is no purpose in them. Take time to read and meditate on these following New Testament passages: **Romans 8:16-17; Philippians 1:29-30, 3:8-11; 1 Peter 4:12-19.** What does it mean to participate in Christ's sufferings?

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *A Playlist for the 1st Century Church* by considering **Psalm 51**, 'A Search for Mercy.'

