

August 22, 2021

Feeling Abandoned by God



We're going to finish summer by looking at a few of the psalms! First up is Psalm 13, a psalm of lament.

It's been said that there's a psalm for every emotion. How are you feeling today? Happy, afraid, depressed? Whatever way you're feeling, there's a psalm for that emotion.

Psalm 13 begins with David feeling abandoned by God. Look at verse 1: "How long, O LORD? Will you *forget me forever*? How long will you *hide your face from me*?"

Maybe you're feeling like David. Maybe you feel that God has abandoned you. And maybe you try to suppress those feelings. You tell yourself, "I shouldn't feel like this. The Bible says that God will always be with me. I should be praising God, not complaining to God." But still you can't escape the fact that you're struggling.

What should we do when we feel abandoned by God?

Whether you join us in-person or online this Sunday, read Psalm 13 prior to the service. What did David do when he felt abandoned by God?

Sunday Worship

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

Call to Worship	Isaiah 6:1-3
Prayer of Praise	
Singing	Holy, Holy, Holy
Prayer of Confession	Isaiah 6:4-5 The New City Catechism, Question 13 Silent Confession Isaiah 6:6-7
Singing	Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted (Look to Jesus) It Is Well with My Soul
Prayer of Intercession	Prayer Requests Philippians 4:6-7 Prayer The Lord's Prayer
Singing	Grace
Scripture Reading	Psalm 13 (Ruth Moquin)
Sermon	Feeling Abandoned by God (Ps. 13)
Singing	Christ Is Mine Forevermore
Commission	Isaiah 6:8
Benediction	2 Corinthians 13:14

Announcements

Sunday Morning Worship: If you plan to attend, please fill out our [Attendance Confirmation Form](#). We will also be streaming the service on our [Facebook page](#).

New Members: On August 8, we welcomed four people into the membership of our church: Lance Milette-Letendre, Lisa Baker, Roxanne Remo, and Butch Remo.

Thursday Discipleship: Pastor Jonathan is on Facebook on Thursday evenings at 6:30. We are currently going through the New City Catechism. See below for this week's question and answer. (These videos can be viewed on [our Facebook page](#) if you miss them live.)

Happy Birthday: Sameirah Sue Contridas (Aug. 25), Blair Baillie (Aug. 28).

RightNow Media: We have given everyone in our church free access to RightNow Media! It's called the Netflix of Bible studies. It also has tons of kid's episodes and movies. To sign up, visit [this link](#).

Last Week's Giving: Offering for August 15 was \$1,653.00 (\$818.00 by e-Transfer, \$835.00 by regular

giving). According to our 2021 budget, we need an offering of \$1,860.00 per week.

This week:

Day	Time	Event
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Thursday	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Live Video on Facebook: What We Believe Worship Practice
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service

Newsletter Sign-Up: If you would like to receive our church newsletter each week by email, you can sign up for that on the [Newsletter page](#) of our website.

New City Catechism

Join us live on Facebook this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.! We are on a journey through the New City Catechism.

The catechism consists of 52 questions and answers about the Christian faith. If we know the answers to these 52 questions, then we will know what the Christian faith is all about—we will know *what we believe*.

You can get free access to the New City Catechism by either using the web app or the mobile app. The apps can be found at newcitycatechism.com.

Question	Answer	Scripture
14. Did God create us unable to keep his law?	No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.	Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.
15. Since no one can keep the law, what is its purpose?	That we may know the holy nature and will of God, and the sinful nature and disobedience of our hearts; and thus our need of a Savior. The law also teaches and exhorts us to live a life worthy of our Savior.	For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.


What Is the Gospel?

A good way to summarize the gospel is to biblically un-pack the words God, Man, Christ, and Response.

God	God is the creator of all things (Gen. 1:1). He is perfectly holy, worthy of all worship, and will punish sin (1 John 1:5; Rev. 4:11; Rom. 2:5-8).
Man	All people, though created good, have become sinful by nature (Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 3:23). From birth, all people are alienated from God, hostile to God, and subject to the wrath of God (Eph. 2:1-3).
Christ	Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man, lived a sinless life, died on the cross to bear God's wrath in the place of all who would believe in him, and rose from the grave in order to give his people eternal life (John 1:1; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 7:26; Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 15:20-22).
Response	God calls everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and trust in Christ in order to be saved (Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Rom. 10:9-10).

Church Membership

If you have been regularly attending FHFBC, we'd like you to become a member of our church. Membership demonstrates one's commitment to a local church and enables greater participation in the life of that church.

The Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. • Agreement with our church's statement of faith and covenant. • Believer's baptism by immersion.
The Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell one of our elders you're interested in membership. • Read a short book: I Am a Church Member. <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill out a survey, indicating how you might like to serve in our church. • Meet with the elders to talk about your conversion, baptism, understanding of the gospel, and expectations of members.

Church Info

FHBC is a member of the [Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada](#), and we also belong to the Fellowship's [Atlantic Region](#). Our mission is to help people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

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