



The Planter

"The seed is the word of God", Luke 8:11



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No One Cares for My Soul

Can anyone become any more discouraged than when one cries out "No one cares for my soul?" I hope that you are not in that condition and that you never will get that discouraged. But a number of good men and women have reached that point in life. Most suicide victims have come to that conclusion. They no longer believe that anyone will help or even can help them.

Even though David was a man after God's own heart, he reached the point of despair once and he cried out, "No one cares for my soul" (Psalm 142:4). This probably occurred when David was fleeing for his life from King Saul. Even though David knew he had been appointed to be the next king, he probably began to doubt it. The historical setting for this Psalm is recorded in I Samuel 19:19-23.

For a number of years David was a marked man. The king had a price on his head. David was forced to flee to the wilderness, to live in caves, and even to hide in the camp of the enemy of his people. Even there he had to pretend he was insane. "So he disguised his sanity before them, and acted insanely in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down into his beard" (I Samuel 21:13). In speaking about this period of time, he wrote, "They have hidden a trap for me. Look to the right and see; for there is no one who regards me; there is no escape for me" (Psalm 142:3-4).

Where Do You Go?

Where do you go when you reach the end of your "rope"? Who do you call upon when you feel that no one cares for your soul? I hope that your answer is the same as David's. He said, "I cry aloud with my voice to the LORD; I make supplication with my voice to the LORD. I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare my trouble before Him. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, You knew my path...I cried out to You, O LORD; I said, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living...bring my soul out of prison'" (Psalm 142:1-3, 5, 7). What God did for David He'll do for you!

There are some things that David did that we need to do when we've reached our wits' end. First, David recognized the power of God to deliver him and believed that He would. He called God his "refuge" (Psalm 142:5). Do you look to God as a refuge? David said, "For You will deal bountifully with me" (Psalm 142:7). Do you really believe God is concerned about you and that He will do something for you? Those of us who are New Testament Christians have even more reason to believe that God will help than did David. We see the life and example of Jesus. Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30). Peter urges "casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you" (I Peter 5:7).

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October 5, 2025

Sunday Morning

Opening Prayer Kevin Hayes

Closing Prayer Joey Jones

Scripture Reading Jeff Duncan

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer Carter Logan

Closing Prayer Rhyan Dishroom

Remember in prayer:

Brenda Erwin (issues with abdominal arteries).

Amanda Fletcher (upcoming chemotherapy).

Luke Keller, Jill Spears, Peggy Coppock,

Suzanne Reaves' mother.

Wendy Booker, Joan Henry (Sally's sister),

Larry Jones, Norene O'Kelly, Heidi Street, Don

Duncan, Randall Glaze, Joe Chambers, Bill

and Billie Nolen, Stefan Hoglund.

Oak View Nursing Home: Betty Floyd.

Brothers Keepers Group One will meet next Sunday night.

Our **Fellowship Meal** will be after morning services today; followed by our 1:00 pm singing and devotional.

Congratulations to Jon York and Emily Collins who were married yesterday in Nashville, TN

Steve Fletcher will preach next Sunday night.

Worship Service Assignments for October

Announcements: Adam Cordell

Lord's Supper:

Steve Fletcher (weeks 1 & 2)

Dan Logan (weeks 3 & 4)

Rhyan Dishroom, Charles Logan, Bo Eubanks

Record for the week of September 28, 2025

10 am	11 am	5 pm	Wed	Contribution
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Second, David recognized his need – that he could not do it alone – in fact, he didn't think anyone else cared. He said, "his spirit was overwhelmed...No one regards me; There is no escape for me...they are too strong for me" (Psalm 142:3, 4, 6). Until we recognize that we can't fight the battle alone, we will not ask for God's help.

Third, David cried out for help from God. God wants to help, but He also wants us to call for help. Numerous times in the Psalms he said, "I cry aloud, I make my supplication, I pour out my complaint, I declare my trouble, Give heed, Deliver me" (Psalm 142:1, 2, 6). Have you really cried out to the Lord? Have you really turned it over to Him? Have you left it with Him?

Others Care for Your Soul

David didn't think anyone could help, and maybe that was true. But surely, there were some godly people who would have helped David. He was so "down" and discouraged that he couldn't see them. You may feel the same way as David felt but I believe today, if you are in the body of Christ, there are sources for help. Do you have a special friend? How about a preacher or an elder? Paul said, "the members should have the same care for one another, and if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it" (I Corinthians 12:25-26). Don't suffer alone. Don't believe that no one cares for your soul. There are brethren through whom God can work to care for your soul.

Elders:

Steve Fletcher, Hugh Glaze, Dan Logan, Tim York

Deacons: Justin Glaze, Carter Logan, Adam Morgan, Jerry Reaves

Minister: Hugh Glaze

Song Leader: Adam Morgan