

When
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Seems
Distant

Psalm 13 & Psalm 77

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'Why, O Lord, do you stand so far off?' 10:1

'Why do you hide yourself in times of
trouble?' 10:1

'He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the
mud and mire;' 40:2

'from the ends of the earth, I call to you'
61:2

'Save me, O God, for the waters have come
up to my neck.' 69:1

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4 Contributing factors to your sense of distance from God's love: Psa. 13:1-2

A prolonged struggle.

A divine unresponsiveness.

A mental anguish.

A real enemy.

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5 Ways to find God in the dark. 13:3-6

Pray because God's plans are loving.

Wait because God's timing is loving.

Rejoice because God's hold on you is loving.

Connect because God's people are loving.

Remember because God's works are loving.

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Responding . . .

Admit and turn from your wrong view of God that believes he cannot be both loving and distant.

Acknowledge and identify the major way your soul refuses comfort from God's love.

Renew your trust in God's great love by turning toward him and helping others turn.