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Message Series
“Dear God:”

“Dear God: Why Are You Hiding”

Psalm 10

¹ Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? ² In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. ³ For the wicked boasts of the desires of his soul, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the LORD. ⁴ In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; all his thoughts are, “There is no God.” ⁵ His ways prosper at all times; your judgments are on high, out of his sight; as for all his foes, he puffs at them. ⁶ He says in his heart, “I shall not be moved; throughout all generations I shall not meet adversity.” ⁷ His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity. ⁸ He sits in ambush in the villages; in hiding places he murders the innocent. His eyes stealthily watch for the helpless; ⁹ he lurks in ambush like a lion in his thicket; he lurks that he may seize the poor; he seizes the poor when he draws him into his net. ¹⁰ The helpless are crushed, sink down, and fall by his might. ¹¹ He says in his heart, “God has forgotten, he has hidden his face, he will never see it.” ¹² Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. ¹³ Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, “You will not call to account”? ¹⁴ But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless. ¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none. ¹⁶ The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. ¹⁷ O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear ¹⁸ to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Two big questions about our questions:

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David’s question:

“O LORD, why do you stand so far away? Why do you hide when I am in trouble?”
(v. 1, NLT)

[Psalm 13:1, 30:7, 44:24, 88:14, 104:29]

What in the world frustrates us

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What we are really saying when we ask, “Where are You God?”

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Three Important Truths to Remember

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