

*Finding Yourself in the Psalms*  
*Psalm 44*  
*A Psalm for the Darkest Hours of Trial*

**TIMES of NATIONAL TRAGEDY**

- Dunkirk
- Civil War (Fredericksburg, Vicksburg, Bull Run)
- Duane and Janet Willis - Baptist Pastor from Chicago. Fire on I 94 kills 5 children instantly. 6th dies next day in ICU.

44:9. Israel was rejected.

**TRIALS -**

- Sometimes because of our SIN. Lam 3:40-45
- Sometimes for reasons unknown. **Lam 3:31-33. God does not delight in suffering.**

44:1-3 God Delivered Us

44:4-8 Trust in God -Only He can Deliver us

44:9-12 Objection - God has rejected us

44:13-16 Confusion - God's people are disgraced

44:17-19 Objection - We had not forgotten God

44:20-22 Trust in God - He Knows we Trust Him

44:23-25 God, Deliver Us Again

What Good are Trials?

1. Trials keep us HUMBLED. 2 Cor 12:7
2. Trials keep us DEPENDENT on God. Psa 119:67, 71. Jeremiah 9:23-24 "This is what the Lord says. . ."
3. Trials help us GROW. James 1:2-4
4. Trials help us PRAY.
5. Trials allow us to GIVE GOD GLORY.