

WHEN LIFE CAVES IN, PRAY!

PSALM 142

Introduction:

Life may cave in on you when you have been seeking to do the right thing.

Life may cave in on you when you do not expect it.

Life caved in on David when he was seeking to do the right thing. He had sought to be obedient to the Lord's calling in his life. He has sought to serve Saul faithfully, yet he found himself hiding in a cave without a friend to defend him.

Notice the graphic language he uses to describe his painful plight. He is in "trouble" (v. 2), his "spirit was overwhelmed within me", "Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul", he has "persecutors", he is in "prison", and on it goes. What do you do when life caves in? You pray!

- I. **TURN YOUR COMPLAINTS INTO A PRAYER.**
- II. **TURN YOUR CONFIDENCE INTO A PRAYER.**
- III. **TURN YOUR NEED INTO A PRAYER.**

We should find encouragement in the knowledge that God did hear David's prayer. He did not perish under the hand of Saul, but persisted to see the

goodness of the Lord. There was a day when he was surrounded by the
acknowledgements of the righteous.

Don't give up on life and God, pray!