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When We Cry To God

In Psalm 107 we repeatedly see how desperation drove the Israelites to humbly **cry out to the Lord** for help in their trouble, *"There was none to help. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them"* (v. 12-13).

The Lord still responds to those **who humbly cry out to Him** for help. A recent example of this is what happened to my niece in Texas. Joanne has had a serious health issue for several months. Several days ago, her mother emailed the following: "One of the symptoms that I've been most concerned about was Joanne's inability to swallow food without pain in her throat - not good combined with the other things she was dealing with. She was losing weight, and had little weight to lose. Last week she had an attack that started under her left rib, moved to the center and wrapped around her back. She was in such excruciating pain she had to have Tiffany (her daughter) take her to the ER. The hospital was being renovated and they couldn't find how to get into the ER. Joanne couldn't stand up, and was doubtful she could get out of the car without someone putting her on a stretcher or in a wheelchair. Tiffany ran into the hospital for help. Joanne was in the car, **crying out to God**. She noticed that her friend, Cheryl, had sent her a text message that she was praying for her. **Suddenly, Joanne felt peace come over her** and she heard a voice speak to her spirit and tell her to 'relax now.' She took a deep breath and **every bit of pain suddenly left her body**. When Tiffany came back, Joanne said, **'Honey, I'm healed. I don't have any more pain.'** Tiffany responded, 'Are you sure, Mom?' To show her, Joanne opened the car door and stood up without any pain whatsoever. Later, she was eating when **she suddenly realized** that for the **first time in two months**, her throat was **no longer hurting** when she swallowed!"

I urge you to **cry out to the Lord in your trouble now**. Psalm 145:18-19 promises, *"The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him...he also will hear their cry, and will save them."*