

# When No One Cares

## *Psalm 142*

**opposition: a war of words** Ps 140.1-3

**in a cave: on the run** 1 Sam 22,24

**a maskil: for being intelligent**

### 1. How David Felt – and why

#### ➤ **physically**

**hunted – like an animal** v6

**trapped – in his cave** v7

**vulnerable – to superior force** v6

#### ➤ **emotionally**

**faint-spirited - no 'go' left** v3

**insecure - hidden traps** v3

**abandoned – no one cared** v6

#### ➤ **in desperate need** v6

## 2. How David's Faith

- overcame his despair

### ➤ *what he did*

*prayed out loud v1; Ps 5.1*

*prayed for mercy v1; Heb 4.16*

*poured out his troubles v2*

*don't bottle it up – let it out!*

### ➤ *what he affirmed about God*

*God knew all his difficulties v3*

*Ps 139.1-4*

*God knew the way ahead v3*

*Ps 139.7-12*

*God cared for him v5*

*a source of hope! Ps 71.14*

*God was sufficient for him v5*

### ➤ *what he planned*

*a praise party! v7*

*to testify to God's goodness*