## The Word Today Encouragement Psalm 22:1 Pastor Doug Schroeder

This is Pastor Doug Schroeder with The Word Today and we are going to receive some encouragement from God's word. We are going to look at Psalm 22, verse 1. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?"

You might think that doesn't sound like encouragement, it sounds horrible. Well the reason this is encouraging is because it is the cry of the faithful person to the Lord God, because they know they will be heard even in their worst circumstances. The reason this is encouraging to us is because Jesus quoted these very words from the cross. He was the faithful one who called out to God the Father and provided for us forgiveness for our sins. More than that, Jesus has provided for us security no matter what we are going through, no matter when we feel that God is far away or if he listening to us.

How can I endure this situation? No matter what the trials or tribulations, it is because of Christ who was faithful to us and provided not only forgiveness of sins but assurance of a future resurrection and eternal life with God. That is how we can have comfort from these words.

There is no situation, there are no circumstances where you will be abandoned by the Lord God because Jesus Christ has brought you the name Christian and God will look after your care and concerns. So take hold, no matter what the situation and know that God is with you.