

# Sermon Study Guide



## Restoring Your Spiritual Passion

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### Reflect

What do you usually do when anxiety and fear drain you, even your passion for God?

### Read and Discuss

#### Scripture

Psalm 138

#### Discussion Questions

1. Psalm 138 gives us a glimpse of King David's spiritual passion for God. King David was king of Israel, in other words, he had it all, he called the shots. But in spite of that, we would learn that he still has a lot of problems – he had sufferings in his life. How does he express it in verses 3, 7, and 8? How did King David stay spiritually strong? What enabled him to be spiritually passionate for God?
2. ***Spiritual passion grows when you praise God with your whole heart (v. 1-3).*** What does it mean to praise God with your whole heart? When was the last time you made a choice to follow God even though it cost you dearly?
3. ***Spiritual passion grows when you praise God with others (v. 4-6).*** David mentioned that if anyone who knows God and everyone who is in a relationship with God will definitely join him in praise and adoration to God, this will be a corporate affair where everyone will join to praise the Lord. Why is corporate worship very important? How does corporate worship affect our faith? What happens when we don't worship with a community?
4. ***Spiritual passion grows when you praise God for what He will yet do (v. 7-8).*** David could not wait for what God will yet do for him. How does verses 7-8 reveal David's understanding of God? How is David's faith seen in these 2 verses? What did David mean with his request to God in verse 8? How does this resonate with Romans 8:28 and Philippians 1:6?

### Respond

**In Walk:** How is your spiritual passion for God? What have you been doing so that you can keep your spiritual passion for God strong? How did God speak to you through the message this week?

**In Prayer:** Our gracious and loving Heavenly Father, we thank You for being our steady anchor, the One we hold on to so that we can continue to move forward in life even when difficulties and challenges surround us. Thank You for teaching us to praise You even during such times so that we can stay strong spiritually. Guide us daily in our actions and decisions so that we can bring honor and glory to Your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.