



## Being real with God

Do you think it is easier to be real with God when things are going well or when things seem more difficult?

read Psalm 22 v 1-5

v 2 David says "You do not answer"

Do you ever feel like saying that to God?

If so do you ever do it or do you try to make it sound less harsh?

Why do you think David felt he could say these things without slandering/ angering/ upsetting God?

God calls David a man after his own heart, (Acts 13 v 22) how do you think that ties in with the beginning of Psalm 22?

When we do feel angry or annoyed with God how do you think He wants us to deal with it?

What do you think God wants you to do in those situations?

read Job 7 v 11

Job is having a really good moan at God. What do you think is God's response to this kind of prayer?

Job 42 v 7

Job had moaned at God but had never lied and this is God's response. Why might this not be what we would expect God to say?

Where do you think is an appropriate setting for expressing these feelings?

How could this kind of honesty destroy someone else's faith?

How can we strengthen our relationship with God so that we can be honest without losing our faith?

It is ok to rail against God to Him, He is big He can take it. He took it from the writers of the Psalms and He then gave us those Psalms to teach us! He can take it from us.

David wrote "I believed, so I said 'I am completely ruined'" Psalm 116 v 10 This short statement says 3 things about David's faith

1 he believed in God,

2 he believed God would listen,

3 he believed God would let him say what he was feeling and still love him.

Think about this over this week do you have this kind of relationship with God? Try being really honest with God, don't forget He knows what you are feeling so He also knows if you aren't being honest!