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Mark Newton, senior pastor of [First Baptist Church](#) in Lufkin, noted three levels of communication: frivolous, factual and feeling. Each is more honest and expresses something deeper about us. Each expresses more intimacy with others, including God. As a person grows more intimate with God, paradoxes will be revealed—seeming discrepancies between God’s promises and God’s actions. Psalms of complaint express a person of faith’s experience of God in the midst of such paradoxes.

Psalm 13 demonstrates we can question God honestly. God is big enough to handle our questions, anger and hurt. The psalmist didn’t say what the specific concern was, nor did the psalmist say the problem was resolved. Even so, the psalmist expressed confidence in God and finished with hope.

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