



As we reflect on Theresa's journey with her daughter Stacey, we are reminded of her steadfast commitment to prayer. This devotion is one that reminds us of those times in our life when we truly feel that our only hope is to "give it all to Him" and it is in our weakness that His power is made perfect.

### **The Cry of the Desperate**

#### ***Excerpt from Matthew West's new book***

Aren't you glad God is the God of the desperate? The psalmist was clearly in great distress and called out loudly and forcefully to God. This poor guy needs help *now*!

We all have times of desperation. And when you think about it, doesn't desperations have the positive effect of driving us to our knees?

I think God loves the prayers of the desperate for that very reason. The desperate pray-er has realized that only God can help him. Only God can solve a problem like this.

I believe God not only loves and hears our desperate prayers but also answers those pleas. Isn't that what any good father will do when his child is in great distress and calls on him for help?

Are you desperate today? Or is there a problem on the horizon that may result in desperation? If so, I urge you to cry out to God in your distress. Throw a few exclamation points into your prayer, just as the psalmist did.

Let your desperation be your doorway into greater intimacy with your heavenly Father.

-Matthew West