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Call to Worship

Psa. 50:15 , “And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will glorify me.”

Psa. 18:3, “I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.”

Psa. 27:1, “The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?”

**Psa. 27:3, “Though an army may encamp
against me, my heart shall not fear;
Though war may rise against me, in this I
will be confident.”**

Psa. 91:2, “I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.’ ”

Psa. 91:3, “Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.”

Prov. 3:24, “When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet.”

Psa. 23:4, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”

**Psa. 46:1, “God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.”**

Psa. 56:3, “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.”

Psa. 118:6, “The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

**Prov. 3:25, “Do not be afraid of sudden
terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when
it comes;”**

Prov. 14:26, “In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.”

Isa. 8:12, “Do not say, ‘A conspiracy,’ concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.”

Isa. 12:2, “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; ‘For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.’ ”

Isa. 41:10, “Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isa. 41:13, “For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Fear not, I will help you.’ ”

Isa. 44:8, “Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

Faith in the Battle

How to Respond When Life Goes Sideways

James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

James 1:3, “knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

James 1:4, “But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:6, “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”

1. How should we respond to trouble, adversity, suffering, misery, illness, and death?

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Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal. 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

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**John 15:11, “These things I have spoken to
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John 14:27, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Psa. 5:11,

**“But let all those rejoice who seek refuge
in You;**

**Let them ever shout for joy, because You
protect them; that those who love Your
name will rejoice in You.”**

Psa. 30:5, “for his anger [divine discipline] is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime; weeping may tarry in the evening, but in the morning there is a shout of joy.”

Psa. 43:3, “Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!”

Psa. 43:4, “Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, the joy of my exultation, and I will praise you with a lyre, O God, my God.”

Ps 43:5, “Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why do you murmur within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise him, the salvation of my face and my God.”

Psa. 42:1, “As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God.

Psa. 42:2, “My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Psa. 42:3, “My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, ‘Where is your God?’ ”

Psa. 42:5, “Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? **Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.**”

Why does God allow suffering?

- 1. Evil, sin, suffering, war, disease, etc. are the result of the bad, sinful decisions of human beings with free will.**

- 2. God's options are:**
 - a. We have free will, with the resultant evil, sin, and suffering in the world.**
 - b. We have no free will and we are all automatons, robots, or puppets.**

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God has a plan and a purpose, though we may not see it now.

Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

Rom. 8:31, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Rom. 8:32, “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

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Psa. 27:2, “When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell.”

Psa. 27:3, “Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.

Psa. 27:4, “One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.”

Psa. 34:1, “I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

Psa. 34:4, “I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”

Psa. 34:6, “This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Psa. 34:7, “The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

Psa. 34:8, “Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”

Job 13:15, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.”

Psa. 91:3, “Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.

Psa. 91:4, “He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.”

Psa. 91:5, “You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day,

Psa. 91:6, “Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

Psa. 91:7, “A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.”

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- 3. Fear destroys the ability to think and to act wisely. Do not panic, worry, or be afraid. Relax and trust God, and make wise decisions based on His Word.**

2 Tim. 1:7, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Heb. 13:6, “So we may boldly say: ‘*The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*’ ”