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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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your joy may be full.”**

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**John 16:24, “Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”**

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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?*’ ”**