

... blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.

Luke 11:28

Store In My Heart Psalms 46:1

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

God is ready to assist in our troubles. From help with predators while watching the sheep to defeating Goliath and his difficulties with Saul, David depended upon God for strength, guidance, and his salvation. God was with him because David sought to be near Him.

Even when David sinned against God, he turned back to God for strength and help. He understood he was better in God's hands no matter the trouble. We can find no better place than with God.

Like David, we today can put our trust in the God of heaven. If we will follow His will, we can know that He will always be at our side. God desires that we be in His presence all our life. His strength is a support we always need. If we seek Him, He will be found. If we draw near, He will walk with us.



Where Do You Turn?

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*And Asa cried to the Lord his God, O Lord, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O Lord, you are our God; let not man prevail against you. **2Chronicles 14:11***

Take a few minutes and read all of **2Chronicles 14**. Notice how well things are going for Israel during the reign of Asa. Because Asa followed the Lord the entire nation was enjoying a period of peace and prosperity at this time. They were able to build cities and fortify them against their enemies. In the middle of this time of peace, one of Israel's constant enemies, Egypt, decides to attack. And when they came, they came very strong. An army of over one million against an army of fewer than six hundred thousand, Egypt came with a mind to win.

Isn't that how it always happens? Just when you think everything is going well. You get caught up financially and your job seems to be really going well. All the vehicles are running and none of the family has been sick for weeks. Then the washer dies, and you hear a knock in the engine of the family car. Two days later you get a bill from the doctor that you thought insurance had already paid. What is your first thought? Where do you turn?

Where do you turn when things look grim? When Asa looked across the valley and saw the Egyptian army lined up against Israel, he turned to the Lord. He asked God to take care of the situation. Asa admitted their weakness and reliance upon God. The Lord answered by defeating Egypt and bringing great riches into Israel from the spoiling of the Egyptians.

While God is not going to come down and fix the washer and car for us today, we need to understand the importance of calling upon Him whenever we must face difficulty. Sharing our burdens with someone else will help us better deal with difficult situations. We know that God cares for His children and wants us to give him our cares (**1Peter 5:7**). Paul found great comfort in knowing that Christ stood with him even though all others had left his side (**2Timothy 4:17**). Multiple times the Psalmist tells us that God will not forsake us (**Psalm 37:25**).

Since we know that God is there for us, we need to reach out to Him. We need the comfort and solace that only God can give us. Pray to Him often. Rely on God, for there is none like Him to help us. This does not mean that we can stand on the sidelines and watch. Paul never stopped spreading the Good News even as he placed his life in God's hand. We need to do all we can to deal with our situation while always looking to God for the solution. It was only through patient endurance of his difficulties that Joseph was able to see God at work. He worked diligently to deal with each situation while placing his trust solely in God.

Our responsibility is to remain steadfast in righteousness. To continue serving God to the best of our ability while seeking guidance from Him through prayer and study of His Word. Patient endurance brings strength and is a reminder that we need God. Be diligent in fighting against evil and let God take the lead. He will not be defeated.

Our Gospel Meeting with Zach Redmon will soon be here. Announcements with lesson titles listed are available in the foyer. A signup sheet for meals during the week is on the board in the foyer. Let each of us make the necessary preparations to take advantage of these lessons. Invite your neighbors, friends and family. Maybe even invite strangers.

Contact Us

We like opportunities to speak with others about the Lord.

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

For Our Information

Stanley Hurst has knee replacement surgery Wednesday.

Sue Soliday fell last week and is sore and bruised.

Jim Soliday has an appointment with the ablation doctor.

Vickie McNees is dealing with headaches and muscle spasms. She has an arthritis Dr appointment this month.

Deborah Brooke's son, **Michael** is still in ICU Houston. They plan to take him off the heart and lung machines this week.

The Soliday Family is returning from Indiana today.

Sunday Evening – **Isaiah 28** Wednesday – **Revelation 1**
Gospel Meeting - Zach Redmon - September 28 - October 2