

Monday, 29 August 2011

Psalm 91:3-8

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

Lord, it is easy, as we go into this task of guardianship, to be consumed with the fear of the unknown, to allow the uncertainties of future decisions to weigh heavily on the tasks of today. Help us to lean heavily on You, to seek Your guidance and wisdom each step of the way, and to give You the glory. Let us not be consumed with the consequences of the past wickedness that has created this mess but see it as an opportunity to be Your witnesses. And this goes for our work with all ex-inmates also.

Tuesday, 30 August 2011

Psalm 91:9-13

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place-- the Most High, who is my refuge--no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

Lord, thank You for sending Your angels to protect Betty and Myretta yesterday. They were there and you used certain individuals such as the CCOs as instruments of Your protection.

And thank You that You have set an army of protection around this house and all who dwell in it. Your promises are good and sure. Praise You, Lord and Master.

Wednesday, 31 August 2011

Psalm 91:14-16

"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

What a comforting passage for today as we face many challenges with ex-inmates, with the guardianship and her family, with the prison ministry, and with our testimony to family and friends. Help us both to be ever constant in calling to You as we face these problems and difficulties. And help us, dear Lord, to give You the glory so that all will know that You are indeed an awesome God who cares for His people.

Thursday, 1 September 2011

2 Timothy 1:8-12

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

Easy words to read and hard words to live. When trouble assails and the woes mount, when strength flees and the bones turn to roiled water, does my conviction waver and flag? Guide me, Lord, to maintain that conviction that You are able to guard until that Day and that what was entrusted to me continues to be valid and must be lived.

Friday, 2 September 2011

Psalm 92:1-4

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath. It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Now this is a challenge, Lord, to be so observant of the many works of Your hands that I am continuously singing for joy. Let gladness be bubbling from my being, let joy be the expression of my face, let my mouth speak Your praises without stopping.

Saturday, 3 September 2011
Psalm 92:5-7

How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep! The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this: that though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever;

O, Lord, the Great Work of Salvation. The Restoration of Your Creation to Shalom. The Raising up of a People to Your Name. The Kingdom of Heaven Established on Earth. The Declaration of Your Glory throughout all Creation. Let Your praises be ever in my mouth, a two-edged sword in my hands

Lord's Day, 4 September 2011
Psalm 119:141

I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.

Lord, my stature in the Kingdom of Man does not matter, it is of no consequence. My stature before You is as a son, a child of God, one who is sent out on Kingdom work. And I go in the might and power of Your name, guided by Your precepts. I have nothing to fear!

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Psalms

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Voices Together is extracted from my daily meditations and is shared in the hopes that others will be encouraged to turn to the Psalms as a rich source of guidance for prayer and meditation.

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