Monday, 7 February 2011 Psalm 55:16-22

But I call to God, and the LORD will save me. Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice. He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me. God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, Selah because they do not change and do not fear God. My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords. Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

I know, Lord that You will save us from this trial, that You know why we are here and what You want us to learn about our relationship with You. I know that in Your time, as we learn to wait on You, that You will sustain us, relieve us of our anxieties and reveal to us how You have moved in us for Your glory and honor. O, Lord, help us to wait on Your leading in this matter. And, Lord, do not be subtle, I need direct direction. And then fill me with the courage to be obedient.

Tuesday, 8 February 2011

Psalm 55:23

But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you.

You did, You rescued us and guided us through the time of testing. You have set our feet upon the path of righteousness and are laying our course before us. Thank You and praise You, my Lord, my Master.

Wednesday, 9 February 2011 Psalm 56:1-4

To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths. A Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath. Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

> This is going to be a day of testing and challenges but what can man do to me? I know partially what is ahead and know that if I turn to You continuously throughout the day and at the onset of each test, you will be glorified. The day is not about me but about You. Will all my actions and words advance the Kingdom or will I be a drag on the Kingdom? I must trust You and Your goodness.

Thursday, 10 February 2011 Psalm 56:5-7

All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

The greatest concern today is T. Will she be at the P&P offices at 9 or not? Lord, grab a hold of her, bring her to You, break that will-filled spirit and give her a thirst for You.

Friday, 11 February 2011 Psalm 56:8-11

You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? Lord, Your compassion never fails but my eyesight does. I know in my head that ALL things are under Your feet, but that artery called faith that carries the belief to my heart is plaque filled. Help me, Lord, for my faith is weak but my hunger to be in Your presence is consuming.

Saturday, 12 February 2011 Voices Together: Psalm 56:12-13

I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

> Yes, Lord, even though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will thank and praise You for Your great mercy and grace. You have removed the fear of death and filled me with Your life; You have provided a level path for my feet and furnished the light of Your word so that I would not stumble. Praise You, Lord.

Lord's Day, *13 February 2011* Psalm 119:71

It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

You bring me to my knees and ask me to humble myself before You in order to drive me to the study of Your Law and Your Word. Not just learning, but incorporation into my life as my way of life. How else can I live the life of holiness that You call your people to live?

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