

Monday, 30 April 2012

Psalm 141:8-10

*But my eyes are toward you, O GOD, my Lord; in you I seek refuge; leave me not defenseless! Keep me from the trap that they have laid for me and from the snares of evildoers! Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely.*

You certainly have removed the trap or at the least delayed it. Continue to guide me and protect me from the snares laid for me by our ward's family.

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Tuesday, 1 May 2012

Acts 16:19-25

*But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. ... And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,*

Yes, Lord, as we face the trails of the guardianship, and the destruction of a marriage within our family, it feels as if crowds of unbelievers are assaulting us and tearing at our joy in you. Help us to keep praying and singing hymns to You, our Lord and Master.

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Wednesday, 2 May 2012

Psalm 142:1-4

*A Maskil of David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer. With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD. I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him. When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a*

*trap for me. Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.*

*Lord, as this guardianship comes to an end, there are many traps laid out to trip us up by those who seek to punish us for caring for MW. We have been deserted by many whom we trusted, we surely are being given a lesson in turning to You and to Your alone. Protect your children, Lord, guide us in the way we should go.*

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Thursday, 3 May 2012

Psalm 142:5-7

*I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.*

Here is the promise, "You will deal bountifully with me." I must focus on that promise and not let all the attacks of my persecutors distract me from the path You have set before me. You know that Satan is attacking on several fronts, determined to sway me from the tasks You have set before me. But You are my refuge, my portion is the Kingdom of God., You do and will continue to deliver me from those who despise me and would seek to dishonor Your name through me. Praise You, my Lord and my Master.

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Friday, 4 May 2012

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

*Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence*

*in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.*

Lord, my morning readings in Ps 35, 1 Sam 26, Dan 7, Luke 4, 2 Thess. 3 and Ps 143 appear to be preparing me for a time of trouble with the promise that You will prevail and protect Your servant. Appropriate as this guardianship draws to a close, knowing that the family is chaffing at the bit to wreak their fury against us, yet You are faithful, You will guard us against the Evil One. Let us go forth in faith and with rejoicing that You are the Faithful One

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*Saturday, 5 May 2012*

*Psalm 143:1-2*

*A Psalm of David. Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.*

Lord, I need guidance as I close out the affairs of the guardianship. Give me an understanding of Your righteousness in the various issues and a willingness to act according to Your will and direction.

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*Lord's Day, 6 May 2012*

*Psalm 119:58*

*I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.*

Lord, it is today that I must rely on Your promises. No different than any other day, but that I must realize and live by the promises of today, not yesterday and not tomorrow. I must live in the Kingdom promises for today and today alone. Teach me, Lord.

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