Monday, 6 May 2013

Psalm 42:7-8

Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

> As the problems have been mounting recently, problems on all fronts with equipment problems from water heaters to computers, with the sudden transfer of the majority of our men to another prison, financial and health concerns, family issues, I sometimes feel that I am under a waterfall of cascading trials. But yet Your steadfast love is indeed with me by day through all these woes and You have provided me with sweet sleep in Your arms each night. Thank You for Your song of deliverance.

## Tuesday, 7 May 2013

## Psalm 42:9-11

I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

> Lord, I have two dear friends who are going to court this morning to watch and wait while their son is indited on drug dealing charges. Surely those around them who know of their faith are wondering, "Where is their God now? Why is He allowing something like this to happen to these people if He is supposed to love and care for them?" Even they may be wondering this morning as they set out on that long trip, where You are in all this.

> My prayer is that they are able to praise You, to recognize Your Hand at work in their son's life and in theirs as You support and carry them through this season of distress. That in all this evil and filth, You will be glorified according to the picture painted in Ezekiel 36:22-23, 36 Lord, that

through this, my friends can once again praise You, their salvation and their God.

Wednesday, 8 May 2013 Acts 7:54-60

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

> Lord, that I would receive that same clarity of vision that Stephen had; to see You standing at the right hand of the Father interceding for me. That that vision would be with me to sustain and encourage me in my time of trial as it did Stephen.

## Thursday, 9 May 2013 Psalm 43:1-2

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

> Lord, I must not be in mourning when the Evil One assaults me, You do not reject me but are with me to guide me when I listen and obey, to hold my hand and instruct me as I timidly step out in faith. Why do I let the oppression of the Evil One frighten and depress me? I must rejoic.e that I am blessed to suffer for Your Namesakes.

Friday, 10 May 2013 Psalm 43:3-4

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

> My joy is in Your Presence, my exceeding joy is to praise you; it is Your Truth and Your Light that leads me into the Presence and that casts me down in worship and causes me to erupt in praise. Hallelujah.

Saturday,11 May 2013 Psalm 43:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

What reason do I have to be sad? My hope is in the Lord. What excuse do I have for enduring the turmoil of depression? Praise the Lord, His mercy extends forever. He alone is my salvation, He alone is my God. It is well, it is well with my soul.

Lord's Day, 12 May 2013 Psalm 119:117

Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for your statutes continually!

To walk in the light of Your Word, continually and without stumbling. Now that is a goal to be treasured and sought after with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. Lead me, Holy Spirit

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