

Life Group Leader Notes

December 8, 2024

Psalm 91

7 WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AS WE FOLLOW JESUS

1. Everything that happens in my life is ordained by God for my **GOOD**.
Romans 8:28 (NIV): And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
Example: Joseph
2. All circumstances and experiences of life are controlled and ruled by God for our **GROWTH**.
Romans 8:29 (NIV): For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.
Discussion: How have you seen God bring good out of a bad situation in your life?
3. In everything that happens in my life, **GOD** will be with me as I face it.
Hebrews 13:5-6 (NIV): Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"
Discussion: God has promised us His presence. What makes you fearful?
4. God's Grace and Power is enough for me to **FULFILL** His Will/Purpose/Vision.
Philippians 2:13 (NIV): for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.
Discussion: What task do you find difficult to accomplish without complaining or arguing?
5. Whatever happens in national and international politics and economics or nature, **GOD HAS ALLOWED IT**.
Philippians 1:11 (NIV): filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

God is sovereign. He is in control.

6. Nothing will happen in Heaven or Earth that will **FRUSTRATE OR STOP** the saving power and purpose of The Gospel.

***Matthew 16:18 (NIV):** And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

7. Everything that happens will ultimately bring us **CLOSER TO THE RETURN OF JESUS.**

***Luke 21:28 (NIV):** When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”*

***Romans 13:11 (NIV):** And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.*

***Discussion:** How does Paul’s urgency in verse 11 influence your perspective on life?*

Ultimately God’s plan will **SUCCEED**. His plan from the beginning has been **REDEMPTION**. The **RECOVERY OF ALL** that has been lost because of sin.

***Romans 5:19-21 (NIV):** For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

***Discussion:** Is there someone close to you that needs to know Jesus?*