

JUNE 1-7

SALVATION: A ROCKY SHELTER

PSALM 62

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

How long will you assault me?
Would all of you throw me down —
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?
Surely they intend to topple me
from my lofty place;
they take delight in lies.
With their mouths they bless,
but in their hearts they curse.

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie. If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath. Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: "Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love"; and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done." (vv. 1-12)

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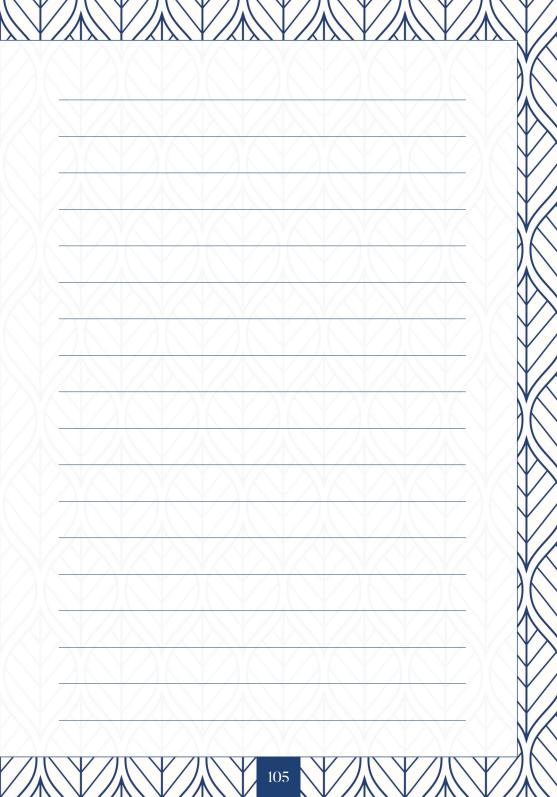
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"Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken." Psalm 62:6

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- 1. David speaks of painful personal attacks and lies saying, "With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse" (v. 4). Have you ever experienced something similar? How did it affect you?
- 2. When your life feels upended, what actions do you take? Who or what do you turn to for support during those challenging times?
- 3. Where do you feel safest in your life? What people, places, or things contribute to your sense of security?
- 4. In what ways do you experience God as your refuge, fortress, and strength? How do these aspects of his nature shape your life?

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JUNE 8-14

TRUST: A FEATHERED NEST

PSALM 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday....

If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone....

He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

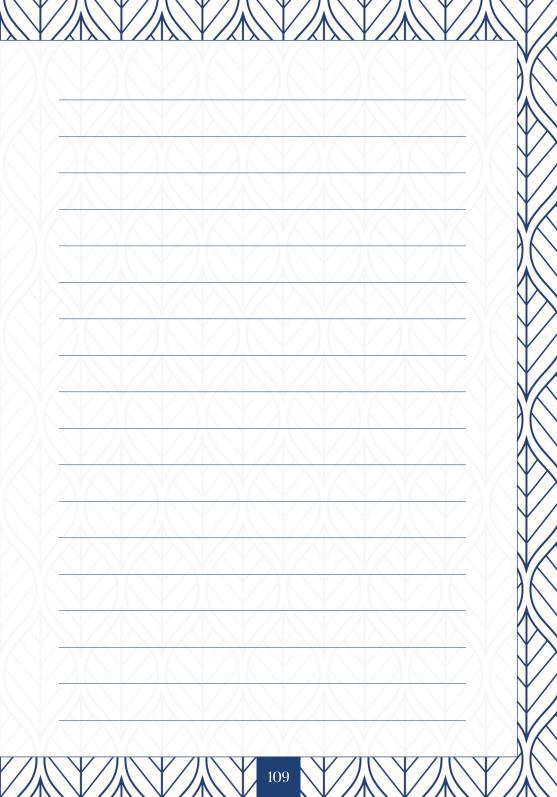
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- 1. Who is someone in your life that you trust completely? What actions or qualities help foster and maintain that trust in your relationship?
- 2. In what ways does your faith allow you to experience God as your shelter and fortress? How does this faithfulness encourage you to invite God more fully into your life?
- 3. The Psalmist states, "He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble" (v. 15). How does this promise of God's presence bring comfort to you? Why do you think God made this promise to his people?

4. How does God create a safe place for you? In what

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JUNE 15-21

PATIENCE: A WATCHFUL GUARDSMAN

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

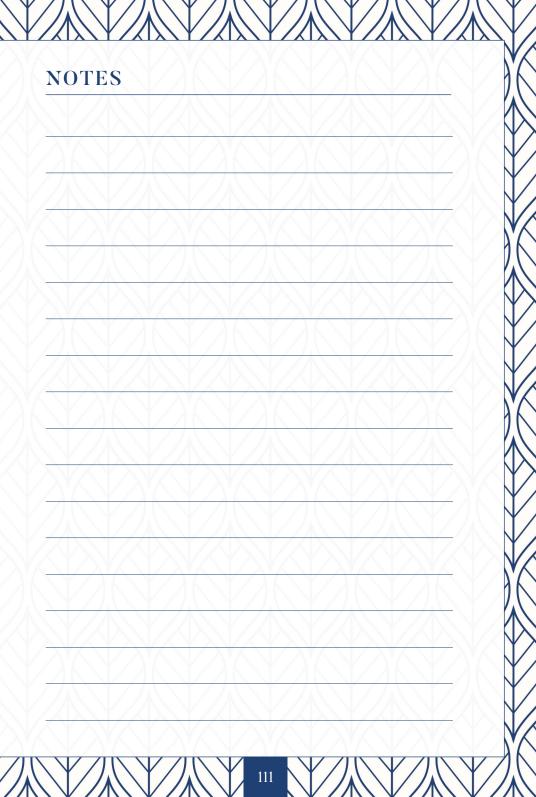
I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

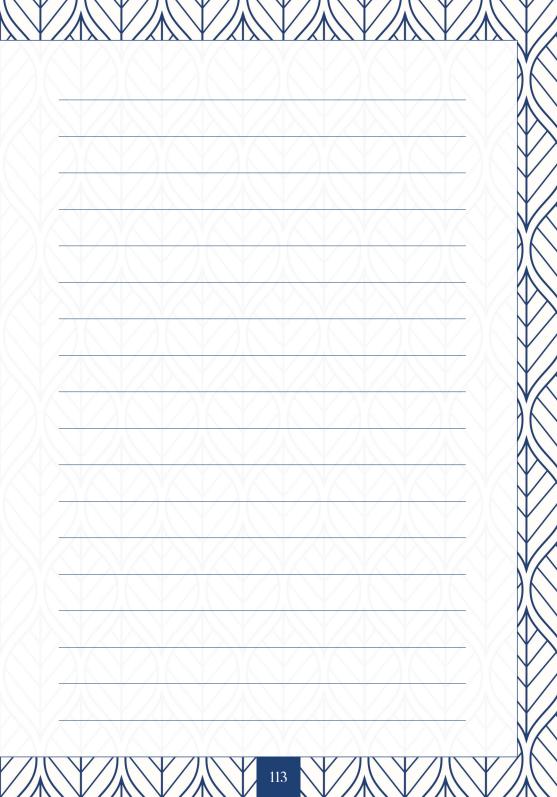
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"I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning..." Psalm 130:6



- 1. God forgives to restore. Which areas of your life could benefit from his forgiveness and restoration?
- 2. How does the Psalmist describe waiting for the Lord? What emotions stand out to you in this Psalm? In what ways can you relate to the Psalmist's experience?
- 3. Recall a time when you fully committed yourself to something. The Psalmist waits for the Lord with "my whole being" (v. 5). What would it mean for you to worship God with that same level of devotion?
- 4. Do you experience God as gentle and faithful enough to entrust with every aspect of your life? Why or why not?



JUNE 22-28

HELP: A SURE STEP

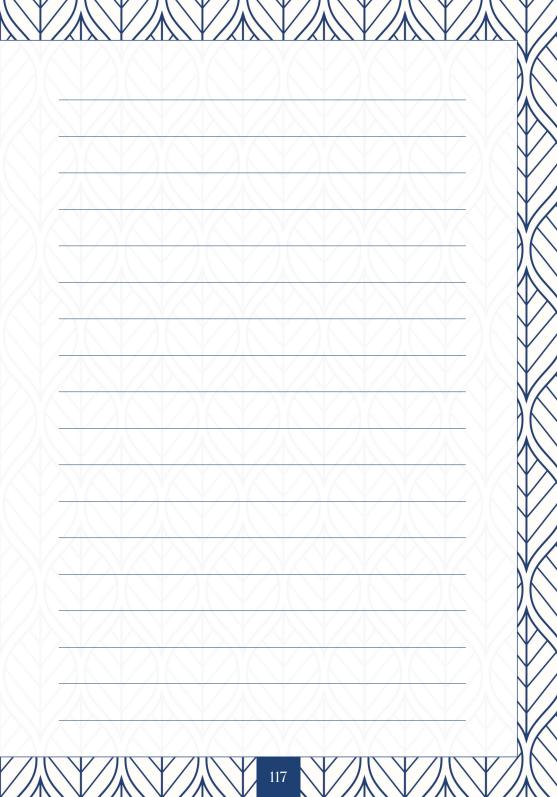
PSALM 18

To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.

As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless: he shields all who take refuge in him. For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You make your saving help my shield, and your right hand sustains me; your help has made me great. You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way. (vv. 25-36)

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"You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way." Psalm 18:36				
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- 1. This is a triumphant Psalm of David, who addressed these words to the Lord after he was faithful to deliver David from the hands of his enemies. According to the Psalm, who does David credit for his success? What imagery does he use?
- 2. How can God appear loyal, blameless, and pure to those who embody those qualities, while appearing perverse to the crooked? In what ways does our faithfulness influence our perception of God's character?
- 3. What insights about God's nature can you gain from this Psalm? How would you describe his leadership style based on what you read?
- 4. How does this Psalm inspire you to respond to challenges in your own life? What lessons about trust and resilience in God can you apply?



JUNE 29-JULY 5

RIGHTEOUSNESS: AN UNLIKELY KISS

PSALM 85

You, Lord, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins. You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.
Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your unfailing love, LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants but let them not turn to folly. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

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- 1. There is a before and an after operating in this Psalm. What was true before about God's actions for the people? What is happening now? How do you know?
- 2. According to this Psalm, how do God's people receive his righteousness?
- 3. God's character demands righteousness upon restoration. Does this union invite peace into your life? Can you rest knowing that God will make things right?
- 4. Verses 10-13 describe the harmony between mercy and truth, righteousness and peace. How do you see these qualities working together in your life or community? How does God establish these qualities within you?

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