

Sing a New Song: Rescued

Psalm 18:24-36

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Psalm 18:24-36: The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. ²⁵ To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, ²⁶ to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. ²⁷ You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty. ²⁸ You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. ²⁹ With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. ³⁰ As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. ³¹ For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God? ³² It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure. ³³ He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights. ³⁴ He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. ³⁵ You make your saving help my shield, and your right hand sustains me; your help has made me great. ³⁶ You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church, and Community

1. _____ upon God's intervention in your life.

_____: The Lord is my Rock, my walled town, and my Savior; my God, my Rock, in him will I put my faith; my breastplate, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalm 18:2 (BBE)

_____ moments: It felt like death had wrapped his arms around me and was breathing down my neck. A torrent of lies, gossip and hatred had left me overwhelmed, beat up and confused.

Psalm 18:4 (JOT)

Deep _____: But me he caught—reached all the way from sky to sea; he pulled me out of that ocean of hate, ¹⁷ that enemy chaos, the void in which I was drowning. Psalm 18:16-17 (MSG)

2. _____ the path to God's rescuing power

_____ obediently: I will guard my actions and thoughts to stay on track with God and I will seek to bend my will toward the Almighty...God shall respond to me as I seek righteousness...for the Godly you shall purify them, for pure in heart they shall see you....

Psalm 18: 22, 24-25 (JOT)

_____ the light: You save humble people who know they cannot save themselves.... Lord, my God, you are my brilliant lamp! You are the only one who can brighten my darkness! You have rescued me from a pirate's stronghold....

Psalm 18:27-29a (JOT)

_____ to trust: My God is absolutely pure and holy. His Word is a fiery defender of all who put their hope in him. Who is God except the Lord our God? My God dresses me in strength and power! He gives me the resolve to seek an unblemished path! Psalm 18:30-32 (JOT)

3. Be _____ through God's love for you.

_____ love: He stood me up on a wide-open field; I stood there saved—surprised to be loved!... You protect me with salvation-armor; you hold me up with a firm hand, caress me with your gentle ways.

Psalm 18:19, 35 (MSG)

Spiritual Action Step:

Where do you find yourself today? Are you living in a sea of hatred? Feeling overwhelmed by the circumstances you are confronting? The Prophet Isaiah says: *Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.* (Isaiah 55:6, NIV) Seek to trust the Lord with your life. Ask Jesus to be your Savior and Lord. Strength and hope is available for you. Humble yourself and ask for God's help. The light of Christ is shining for you! This week use Psalm 18 and Matthew 5 to allow the Holy Spirit to bring a light of hope and peace to your life!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; BBE: Bible In Basic English; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; MSG: The Message.