

Message Notes



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A SONG OF TRIUMPH: 2 SAMUEL 22

“Once again there was a battle between the Philistines and Israel. David went down with his men to fight against the Philistines, and he became exhausted.” (2 Samuel 21:15; *italicized is mine*)

The last song he ever sang... *“David sang to the Lord...”* (22:1)

ONE LIFE... FOUR THEMES

THEME 1: WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH, GOD IS OUR ONLY SECURITY (2-20)

“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge... In my distress I called to the Lord... he heard my voice... He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.”

Are times hard? Exhausted? Are days of trouble upon you? David assures us in his song that the Lord delights in us; He sees and cares about what is happening in our lives, this very moment!

THEME 2: WHEN OUR DAYS ARE DARK, THE LORD IS OUR ONLY LIGHT (21-31)

“You, Lord, are my lamp; the Lord turns my darkness into light... The word of the Lord is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.” (29, 31)

At times we flounder along, full of fear, trying to peer too far into the darkness ahead. Yet He gives us just enough light so that we can see to take the next step and find our rest in Him. [see Psalm 27]

“Life by the yard is hard; but life by the inch is a cinch.”

THEME 3: WHEN OUR WALK IS WEAK, THE LORD IS OUR ONLY STRENGTH (32-40)

“For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? You make your saving help my shield; your help has made me great.” (22, 23, 36) [see 2 Corinthians 12:7-12]

That's the secret: “God's great power is perfected in our utter weakness.”

THEME 4: WHEN OUR FUTURE IS FOGGY OR FUZZY, THE LORD IS OUR ONLY HOPE (50-51)

“Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name. He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.”

“You can go home now; everything will be okay!”

[Epilogue Encouragement: Complete your Will/Trust/Estate Planning as your last song of triumph that will be sung over your family]

CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 8/31/2014

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
8/31	458	\$ 30,402	\$ 23,967	\$ +6,435
	Budgeted YTD \$ 215,703	Offerings YTD \$213,474		\$ - 2,229

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