

## Confidence in God Alone

Psalm 55

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6*

### Distressed and Oppressed

55:1-8

David cries out for God to hear his anguished petition for mercy.

The oppression David faces springs from a personal grudge against him.

David's situation is so troubling he even fears for his life.

During his painful and dangerous plight, he longs for the shelter of a refuge and safe haven.

*When people fail you, remember God is your true \_\_\_\_\_ during life's disappointments.*

### Battered and Betrayed

55:9-15

David's enemy is causing havoc and destruction in the city and country around him.

David hopes the violence and trouble might end if God will confuse his enemy.

Sadly, David reveals his adversary is a close and trusted friend who has betrayed him.

David calls for God's judgement on his former friend who has turned on him.

*When people fail you, trust God's divine \_\_\_\_\_ instead of plotting your own revenge.*

### Trusting and Confident

55:16-23

David's response to the evil perpetrated against him is to pray for God's deliverance.

He expresses confidence in God's care for those who love and fear Him.

David understands that God recognizes and sees the wicked who do not fear Him.

David confidently encourages others to give every care and burden to the LORD.

David trusts that God will never forsake the righteous and He will cut short the lives of the wicked.

*When people fail you, confidently give all your painful \_\_\_\_\_ to God.*

*Trust in the truth that your loving God will sustain and care for you when others disappoint.*

Key: refuge, judgement, burdens

**David's Songs – Psalm 55**

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**1 SAMUEL 19:11a** Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, that he might kill him in the morning.

**2 SAMUEL 15:10-12** But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'" With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing. And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.

**2 SAMUEL 15:31** And it was told David, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."

**ROMANS 3:23** ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24** The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

**PSALM 18:2** The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**2 SAMUEL 8:14b** And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went.

**NUMBERS 16:32-33** And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods. So they and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

**ROMANS 12:17-19** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."