

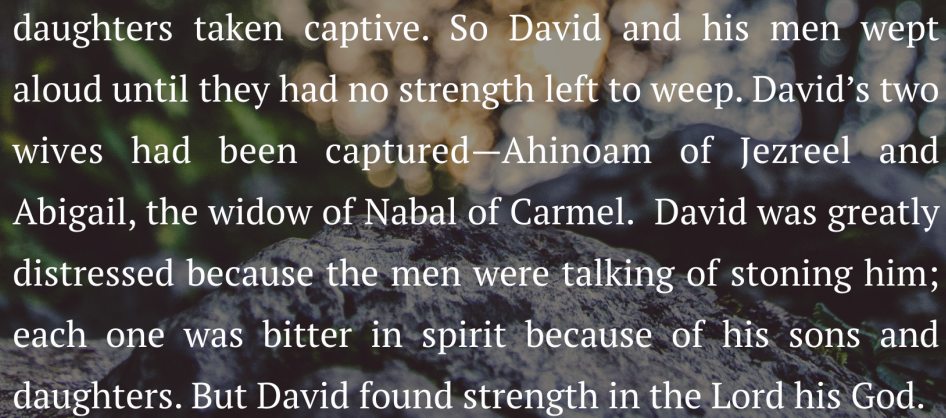


A Steady Heart

Sunday July 19

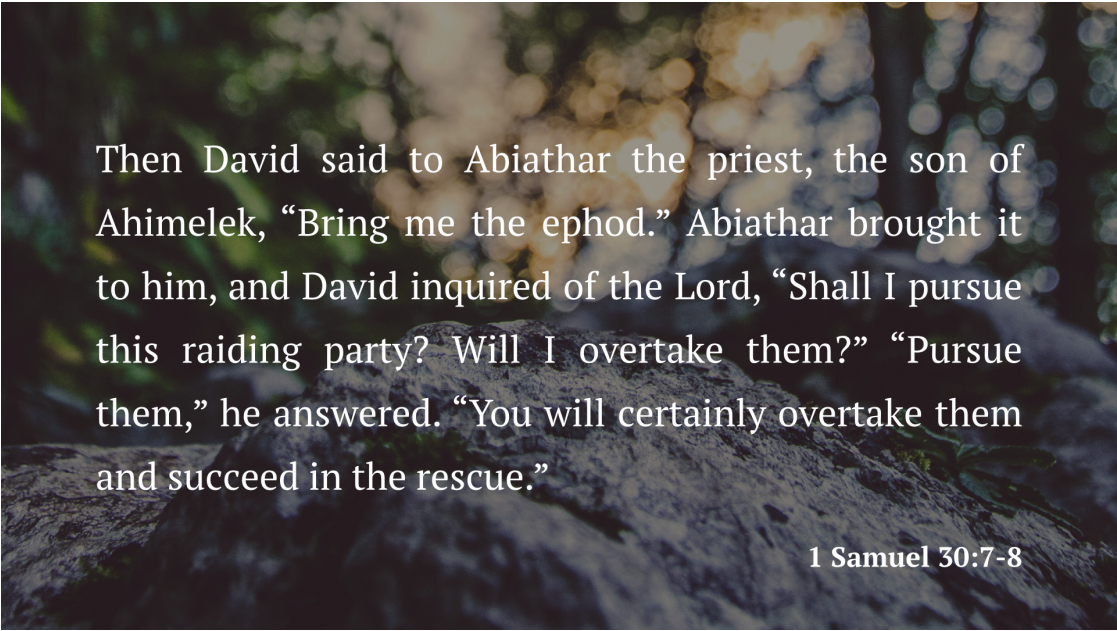
David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, and had taken captive the women and everyone else in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way. When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and

1 Samuel 30:1-3



daughters taken captive. So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep. David's two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

1 Samuel 30:3-6



Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek, "Bring me the ephod." Abiathar brought it to him, and David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?" "Pursue them," he answered. "You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue."


1 Samuel 30:7-8



The God who tests our hearts

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2

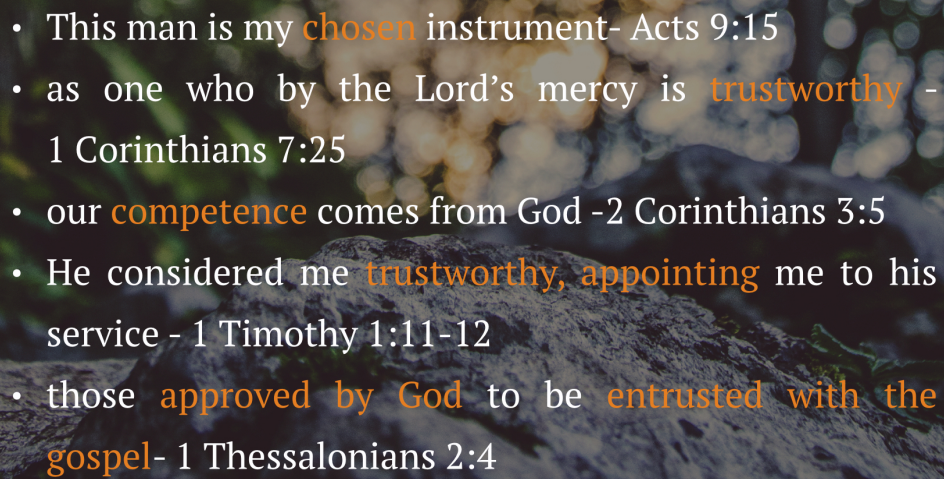


For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:3-4




Tested and Approved

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- This man is my **chosen** instrument- Acts 9:15
 - as one who by the Lord's mercy is **trustworthy** - 1 Corinthians 7:25
 - our **competence** comes from God -2 Corinthians 3:5
 - He considered me **trustworthy, appointing** me to his service - 1 Timothy 1:11-12
 - those **approved by God** to be **entrusted with the gospel**- 1 Thessalonians 2:4



A Song of Ascents

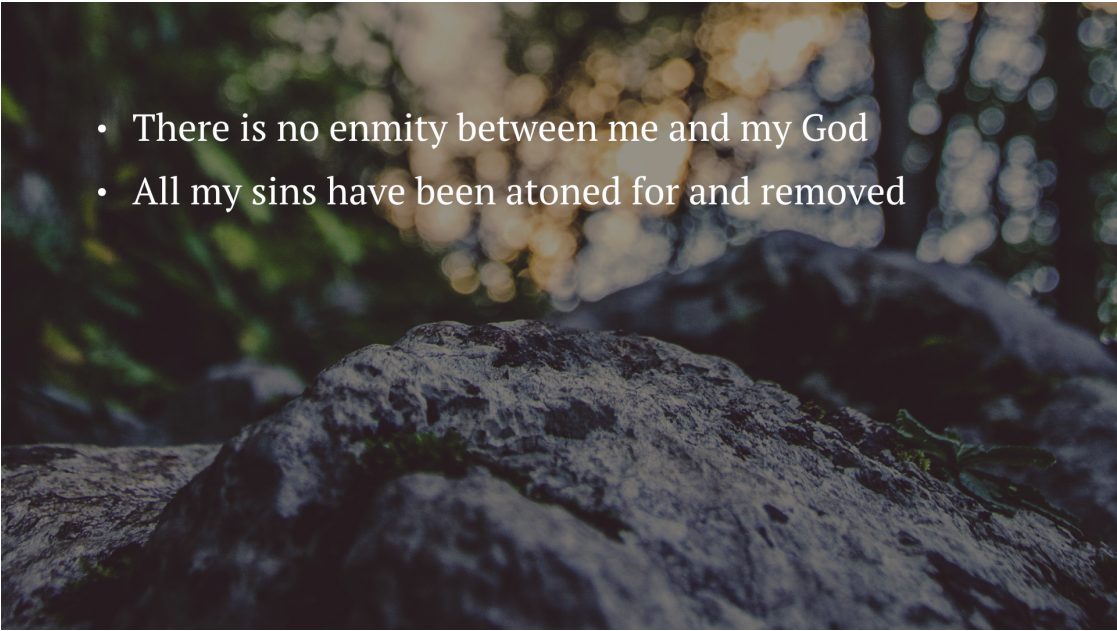


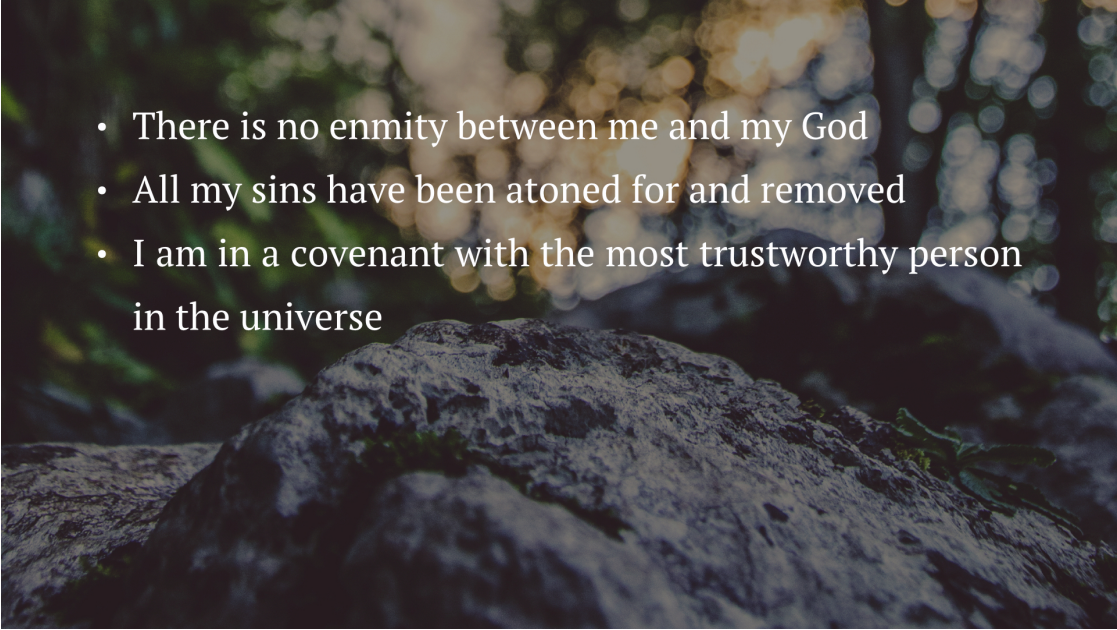
My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content. Israel, put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore.

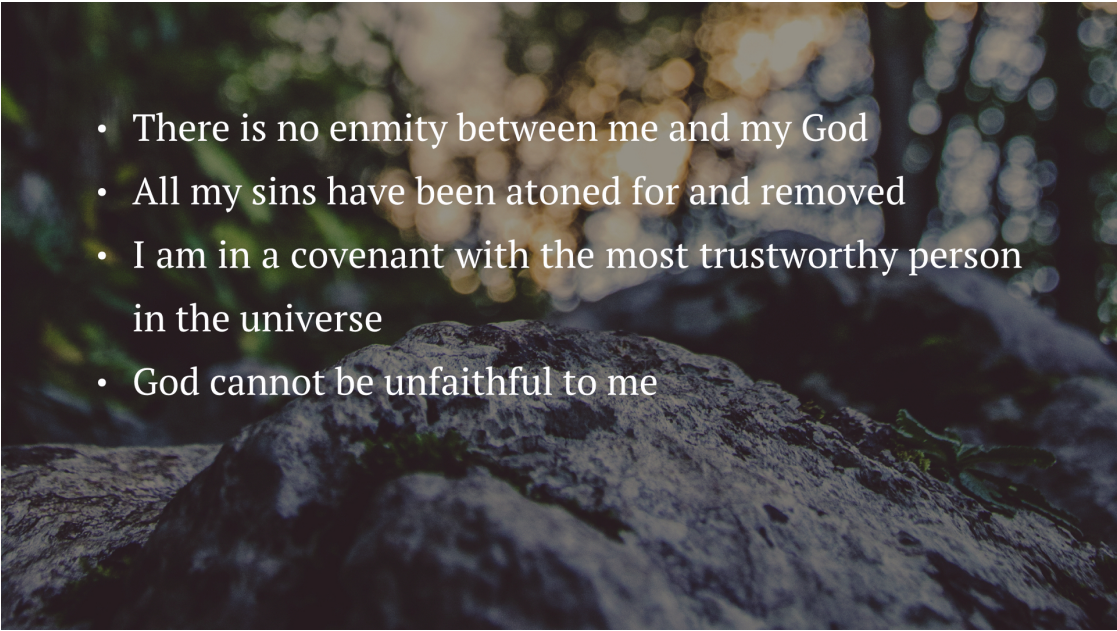
Psalm 131

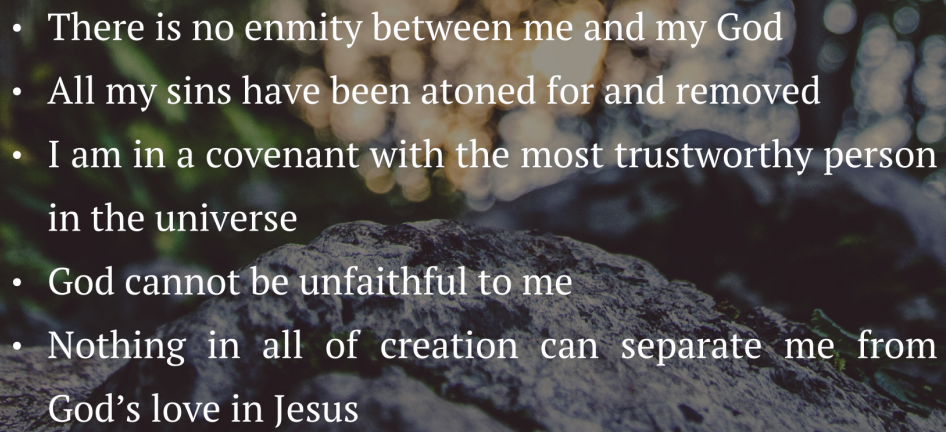


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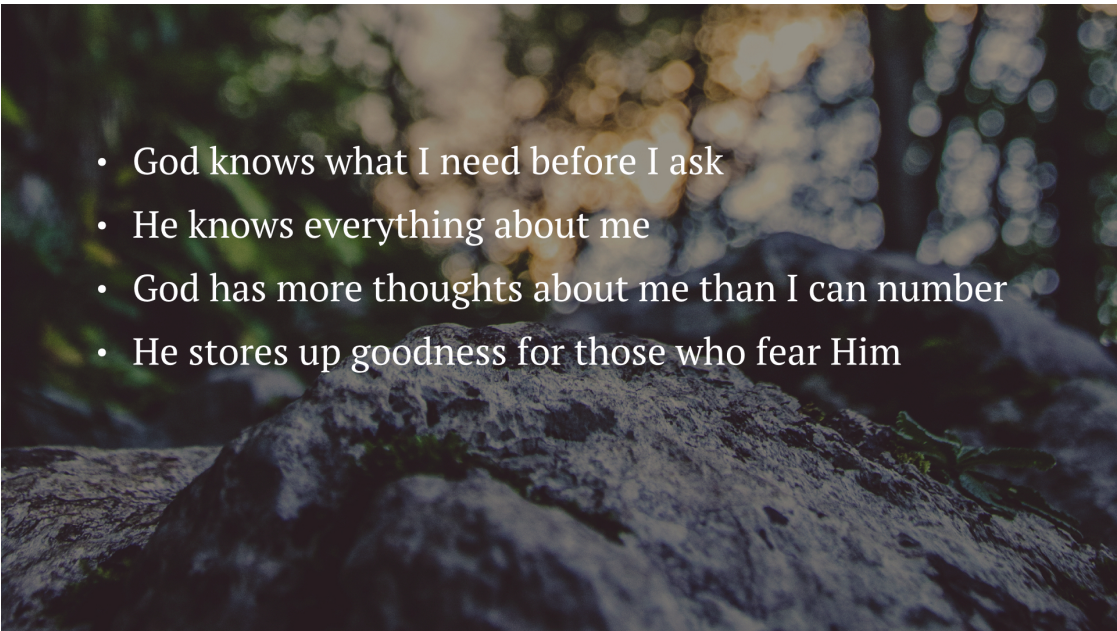
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 - Nothing in all of creation can separate me from God's love in Jesus

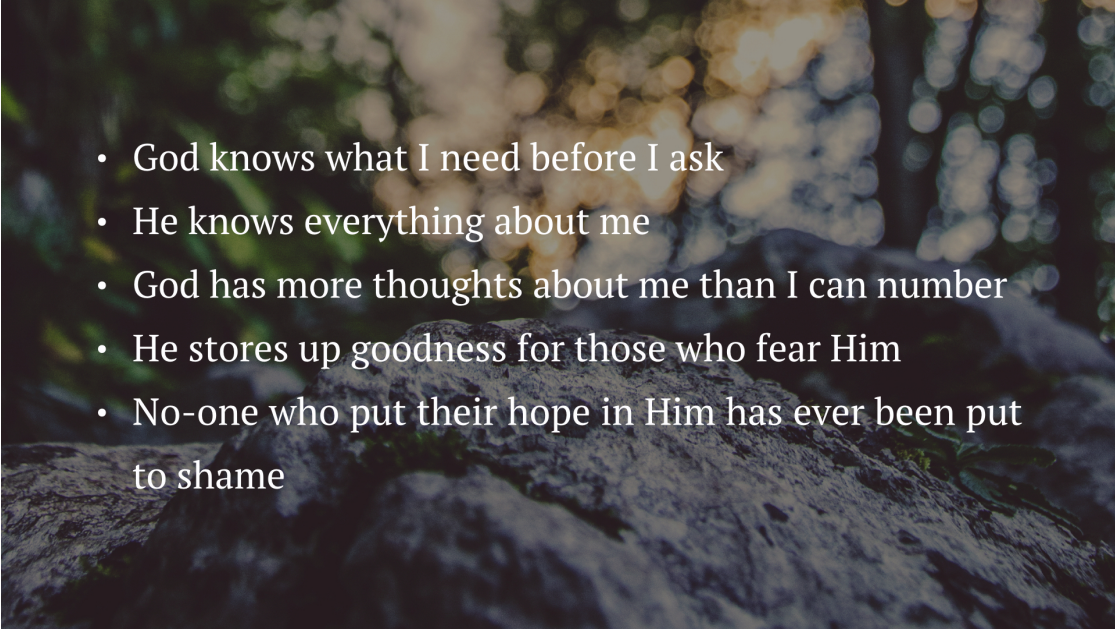


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