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Summer in the Psalms

Lesson Five • Psalm 31
In Times of Trouble

Main Point of Psalm 31

In times of trouble <u>ENTRUST</u> your life to the Lord, knowing that our times are in His hands.

But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Psalm 31:14-15

In Times of Trouble

1. CRY OUT to the Lord for Help!

Prayer of Confidence

- > RELY on God's sufficiency (v. 1-5).
- > REJOICE in God's steadfast love (v. 6-8).

2. BE HONEST about Your Distress!

David's Distress

- David is honest about his EXHAUSTION (v. 9-10).
- David is honest about his ISOLATION (v. 11-12).
- David is honest about his <u>INTIMIDATION</u> (v. 13).

3. AFFIRM Your Trust in the Lord!

When Everything Falls Apart What Can You Do?

- You can hold on to God's PROMISES (v. 14).
- You can rest in God's SOVEREIGNTY (v. 15).
- You can expect God's STEADFAST LOVE (v. 16).
- You can plead for God's JUSTICE (v. 17-18).
- You can rejoice in God's GOODNESS (19-20).

4. PRAISE the Lord for His Help!

Two Reasons for Praise

- Praise the Lord for SHOWING steadfast love to His people (v. 21-22).
- Praise the Lord for <u>PRESERVING</u> His people in times of trouble (v. 23).

Takeaway

In times of trouble <u>BE STRONG</u>, take courage, and hope in the Lord, for our times are in the Lord's hands.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for [or hope in] the LORD! Psalm 31:24