

## Wednesday Encouragement

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So I “googled” the “most encouraging verse in the Bible.” I thought it would be a good place to start in writing an encouraging post. But as it turns out, basically all of the results I got from my search were more than one verse. Instead I got, “The 46 Most Encouraging Verses in Scripture,” or “104 Passage of Encouragement From The Bible.” I did, however, see one passage pop up in several of the lists. And it’s found in the Psalms, specifically Psalm 118. This Psalm is considered a Psalm of passover and the main speaker should be considered a king, although the Psalm itself was likely used in corporate worship.

Psalm 118:14-16 (NLT)

14 The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has given me victory.

15 Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.  
The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!

16 The strong right arm of the Lord is raised in triumph.  
The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!

And so in a corporate worship setting, as people repeated these words, it was because they believed them. They were affirming who God was in their lives. They were affirming what God had done in their lives.

I wonder, right now, how many of us are living like we believe that the Lord is our strength and our song? I wonder, right now, how many of us are living with the knowledge that God has won the victory and we get to share in that victory?

If we’re living in fear or drowning in worry, we don’t have to stay there. In fact we absolutely should not stay there. This world is temporary and full of trouble, but the key word there to me is “temporary,” not “trouble.” We get so focused on the “trouble” we forget that it’s “temporary.” Eternity with God, on the other hand, is without trouble and is eternal. In light of that truth, we can live for God today--through anything today and beyond. If we let the trouble of this world hold us down, we may struggle to get through today. The choice is yours, but remember God has given you victory!