

Title: NOT TODAY

Text: Psalm 119:12-17 (ESV)

Psalm 118:13–17 (ESV) — 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. **14** The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. **15** Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, **16** the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!” **17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

QUOTE: John Wiseman - *“The Will to Live means NEVER giving in, regardless of the situation.”* He said, *“It’s reassuring to know that there is nothing on this earth that we cannot deal with, and there is no place where we cannot survive.”*

Psalm 118:17 - **“17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.”**

Psalm 118:1 (ESV) — 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is **good**; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Matthew Henry, the great Bible commentator said this about **verse 1**: *“It appears here, as often as elsewhere, that David had his heart full of the goodness of God. He loved to think of it, loved to speak of it, and was very solicitous that God might have the praise of it and others the comfort of it. The more our hearts are impressed with a sense of God’s goodness the more they will be enlarged in all manner of obedience.”*

“John 16:33 (MSG) I’ve told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world **you will continue to experience difficulties**. But take heart! I’ve conquered the world.”

Distressed

He says in **verse 5** that, “out of my **distress** I called on the Lord...”

Surrounded

Psalm 118:10, “All nations **surrounded** me...”

Pushed hard

Psalm 118:13 (ESV) — 13 I was **pushed hard**, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me.

DAVID SURVIVED BECAUSE:

1. THE LORD WAS HIS STRENGTH.

2 Corinthians 1:8 (ESV) — 8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so **utterly burdened beyond OUR strength** that we despaired of life itself.

2 Corinthians 1:9 (ESV) — 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. **But that was to make us rely NOT on ourselves but ON GOD** who raises the dead.

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) — 13 I can do all things **through CHRIST** who **strengthens me**.

2. THE LORD WAS HIS SONG.

Nehemiah 8:10 (ESV) — 10 Do not be grieved, for the **joy** of the LORD is your strength.”

3. THE LORD WAS HIS SALVATION.

God does NOT save us all THE SAME WAY every time:

1. SOMETIMES GOD SAVES US OUT OF OUR ADVERSITY.

2. SOMETIMES GOD SAVES US THROUGH OUR ADVERSITY.

Psalms 23:4 (ESV) — 4 Even though I walk **THROUGH** the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

3. SOMETIMES GOD SAVES US WHILE WE'RE IN OUR ADVERSITY.

2 Chronicles 15:7 (CSB) “But as for you, be strong; **don't give up**, for your work has a **reward**.”