

# The Thread

## WEEK 16 - DEVOTION 5

*"I will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" - Psalm 91:2*

Everybody loves a hero. Think of your favorite hero moment in a movie or book. It's always the same. When there is no other hope, and all seems lost, the hero rises up and shows what they are truly made of. We live for those moments in a fantasy world, but sometimes miss it in real life. Why is that? Believers are called to live bold, courageous lives, and yet so many of us just play it safe. The author of today's psalm had clearly taken risks for God, and in those moments, saw Him as the Ultimate Hero.

Read Psalm 91, and pay attention to the dangers that the author seems to have faced. In this passage, we see that the author of this psalm has clearly seen some troubles. More importantly, in each dangerous instance, the Lord has shown up and provided deliverance. While we do not know for certain the identity of this author, it is clear that there is reference to the Exodus and the Passover. God defined Himself as Israel's refuge and deliverance in those days, and His people trusted His consistency.

The psalmist continues to describe every manner of danger known to him. While the dangers all seem very severe, there is no hint of uncertainty. Throughout this passage, God is presented as a shelter, refuge, fortress, shield, and perhaps most significant, a dwelling place. It is clear that God does not just swoop in and save the day, but that He offers a constant sanctuary for the believer.

When you live boldly for Christ, there will be trouble. But just as the psalmist describes, you will know God as your refuge when the need arises.

### **Something to think about . . .**

- Have you ever sought God as your sanctuary or refuge? What was it like?
- How does trusting God as your refuge help you to be bold for him?