

“MY HEART IS STEADFAST”

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Proverbs 4:23

“Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life”

Psalm 57:6-8

They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down; They have dug a pit before me; Into the midst of it they *themselves* have fallen. *Selah*⁷ **My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;** I will sing and give praise. ⁸Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn.

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 108:1

O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

Psalm 112:7

He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

STEADFAST: *Being firmly fixed, immovable, loyal, and unwavering in faith, purpose, or love. It describes a consistent commitment to God, enduring trials without wavering. “Hesed” God’s unchanging, covenantal loving-kindness, faithfulness, and mercy*

Psalm 57

David’s Dilemma

- V4 “My soul is among lions”
- “Who are set on fire,”
- “Whose teeth *are* spears and arrows”
- “And their tongue a sharp sword.”

David's Steadfast Heart

V5 "Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;"
"Let Your glory *be* above all the earth"

Further Complaint

V6 "They have prepared a net for my steps"
"My soul is bowed down;"
"They have dug a pit before me"
"Into the midst of it *they themselves have fallen!*"

David Declares

V7 "My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;"
I will sing and give praise.
⁸Awake, my glory!
Awake, lute and harp!
I will awaken the dawn."

A STEADFAST HEART IS:

Eternity Focused

Acts 20:22-24

"And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴*But none of these things move me*; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

Led By The Holy Spirit

V22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there

V28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Ephesians 5:17-19

¹⁷Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord *is*. ¹⁸And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

- **Continually Casts Off Restraints**

1 Peter 5:6,7

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ *casting all your care* upon Him, for He cares for you.

Philippians 4:1-7

“Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so *stand fast in the Lord*, beloved. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by *prayer* and *supplication*, with *thanksgiving*, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, *will guard your hearts and minds* through Christ Jesus!

GET BACK UP!

Micah 7:8

Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The Lord *will be* a light to me.

Proverbs 24:15, 16

Do not lie in wait, O wicked *man*, against the dwelling of the righteous; Do not plunder his resting place; ¹⁶ For a righteous *man* may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.

Acts 14:19, 20

¹⁹ Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, ***they stoned Paul*** and dragged *him* out of the city, supposing him to be dead. ²⁰ However, when the disciples gathered around him, ***he rose up*** and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

Andretti Baine story



Romans 8:11

“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

Proverbs 24:16

for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.

(CLOSING DECLARATION AND PRAYER)

*“Lord, make my heart **STEADFAST**.
Make it **FIRM**, make it **FAITHFUL**, make it **LOYAL**.
I declare to my enemies that when I fall, I will arise.
When I get knocked down, I will stand back up,
When I am overwhelmed by darkness
The Lord will be my Light and my Salvation!
My heart is **STEADFAST** O God,
my heart is **STEADFAST!**”*