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LIFE THROUGH GOD'S WORD

Psalm 119:169-178

September 6, 2026

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“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let him pray.” (James 5:13)

“LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, ‘God will not deliver him.’ But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. I call out to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy mountain. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side. Arise, LORD! Deliver me, my God!” (Psalm 3:1-7)

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- 4. God gives us life through His Word and seeks us when we wander.**

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My soul clings to the dust; **give me life** according to your word! (v. 25)

Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and **give me life** in your ways. (v. 37)

Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness **give me life!**
(v. 40)

In your steadfast love **give me life**, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth. (v. 88)

According to your justice **give me life.** (v. 149)

Great is your mercy, O LORD; **give me life** according to your rules. (v. 156)

“The confession of failure is not inconsistent with the profession of devotion. The thought of the law naturally leads up to the thought of his own frailty and need to be brought back when he wanders. If he has erred, it is a temporary and involuntary aberration: his will and purpose to serve God are unchanged, and he prays that God will not abandon him.”

A. F. Kirkpatrick, *The Book of Psalms*.

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Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who **seek** him with their whole heart. (v. 2)

With my whole heart I **seek** you; let me not wander from your commandments! (v. 10)

And I shall walk in a wide place, for I have **sought** your precepts. (v. 45)

I **entreat** your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. (v. 58)

I am yours; save me, for I have **sought** your precepts. (v. 94)

Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not **seek** your statutes. (v. 155)

I have gone astray like a lost sheep; **seek** your servant, for I do not forget your commandments. (v. 176)

“For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep... I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak...” (Ezekiel 34:11-16)

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“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8)

- **Start reading! Make the time to be in God's Word consistently.**
- "Firstfruits" – give him your best
- Quiet, free of distractions.

Ask your self these questions...

- What does this passage say?
- What does this passage teach me about God or Jesus?
- What does this passage teach me about myself/people?
- What truth do I need to believe?
- What obedience is God calling me to?
- Pay attention to context.

Helpful tools...

- Study Bibles
 - ESV Study Bible or Student Study Bible (Crossway)
 - NIV Study Bible (Zondervan)
- Church Library
 - Various resources

Online tools...

- Free Beginner
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