



Soma Valley

LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Announcements and News

Book Study: Join us for a book study on the appointed times of the people of Israel every Monday 6:30-8pm at the McMullen's house. See Kevin McMullen for more info.

Weekly Prayer Time: Sundays before worship from 9-9:45am.



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Call To Worship (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

Call To Worship (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

Call To Worship (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God...

Call To Worship (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up...

Call To Worship (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

...and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live...

Call To Worship (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

...and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice,
in my behalf appears;

Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above,
for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;

His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
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Five bleeding wounds He bears;
received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers;
they strongly plead for me:

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

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My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear

With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

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For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth,
over and around us lies

Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour,
of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light

Lord of all, to thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild

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Confession of Sin (Psalm 32:1-6; 51:10-12)

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous...

Confession of Sin (Psalm 32:1-6; 51:10-12)

Leader: ...and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Church: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer...

Confession of Sin (Psalm 32:1-6; 51:10-12)

Church: ...I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sin (Psalm 32:1-6; 51:10-12)

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Confession of Sin (Psalm 32:1-6; 51:10-12)

Church: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

(Silent confession)

Assurance of Pardon

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

2 Cor 5:17-21

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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What have I to dread, what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have peace complete with my Lord so near
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The background of the entire image features several VeggieTales characters and small brown rabbits. In the top left, a large green character with a white wing and two eyes is partially visible. Below it, a green character with a white cap and a red character with a white cap are shown. A green character with a white cap is in the bottom right. Small brown rabbits are scattered throughout the scene, some standing on a grey path. The background is a warm orange-red gradient.

VeggieTales[®]

Rack Shack & Benny



“Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing to worship...is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive...”

- David Wallace Foster



“But If Not...”

Daniel 3

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I. The Call to Fall Down

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the counselors, the treasurers, the justices,
the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces
gathered for the dedication of the image
that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.
And they stood before the image
that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

I. The Call to Fall Down

⁴ And the herald proclaimed aloud,
“You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,
⁵ that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe,
lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music,
you are to fall down and worship the golden image
that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.
⁶ And whoever does not fall down and worship
shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.”

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Idol	How It Looks	Price We Will Pay	Worst Nightmare	Problem Emotion	Others Feel
Comfort	Laidback, Easygoing	Lack of Productivity	Stress, Demands	Boredom	Hurt, Neglected
Approval	Likable, Friendly	Less Independance	Rejection	Cowardice	Smothered
Control	Competence	Loneliness, Spontaneity	Uncertainty	Anxiety	Condemned, Judged, Offended
Power	Confidence	Burdened, Responsibility	Humiliation	Anger	Used, Manipulated, Handled

If you worship money and things, if they are where you tap real meaning in life, then you will never have enough, never feel you have enough...

Worship your body and beauty and sexual allure and you will always feel ugly. And when time and age start showing, you will die a million deaths before they finally grieve you...



Worship power, you will end up feeling weak and afraid,
and you will need ever more power over others
to numb you to your own fear. ...

Worship your intellect, being seen as smart,
you will end up feeling stupid, a fraud,
always on the verge of being found out.

But the insidious thing about these forms of worship is...
they're unconscious. They are default settings.”

- David Wallace Foster



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⁸ Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews.

⁹ They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar,
“O king, live forever! ¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image.

¹¹ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace.

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¹² There are certain Jews whom you have appointed
over the affairs of the province of Babylon:
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
These men, O king, pay no attention to you;
they do not serve your gods
or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

I. The Call to Fall Down

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought.

So they brought these men before the king.

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them,
“Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
that you do not serve my gods
or worship the golden image that I have set up?

I. The Call to Fall Down

¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

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16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
answered and said to the king,
“O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need
to answer you in this matter.

2.The Heart to Stand Firm

¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

2.The Heart to Stand Firm

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury,
and the expression of his face was changed
against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
He ordered the furnace heated seven times more
than it was usually heated.

2.The Heart to Stand Firm

²⁰ And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

²¹ Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace.

2.The Heart to Stand Firm

²² Because the king's order was urgent
and the furnace overheated,
the flame of the fire killed those men
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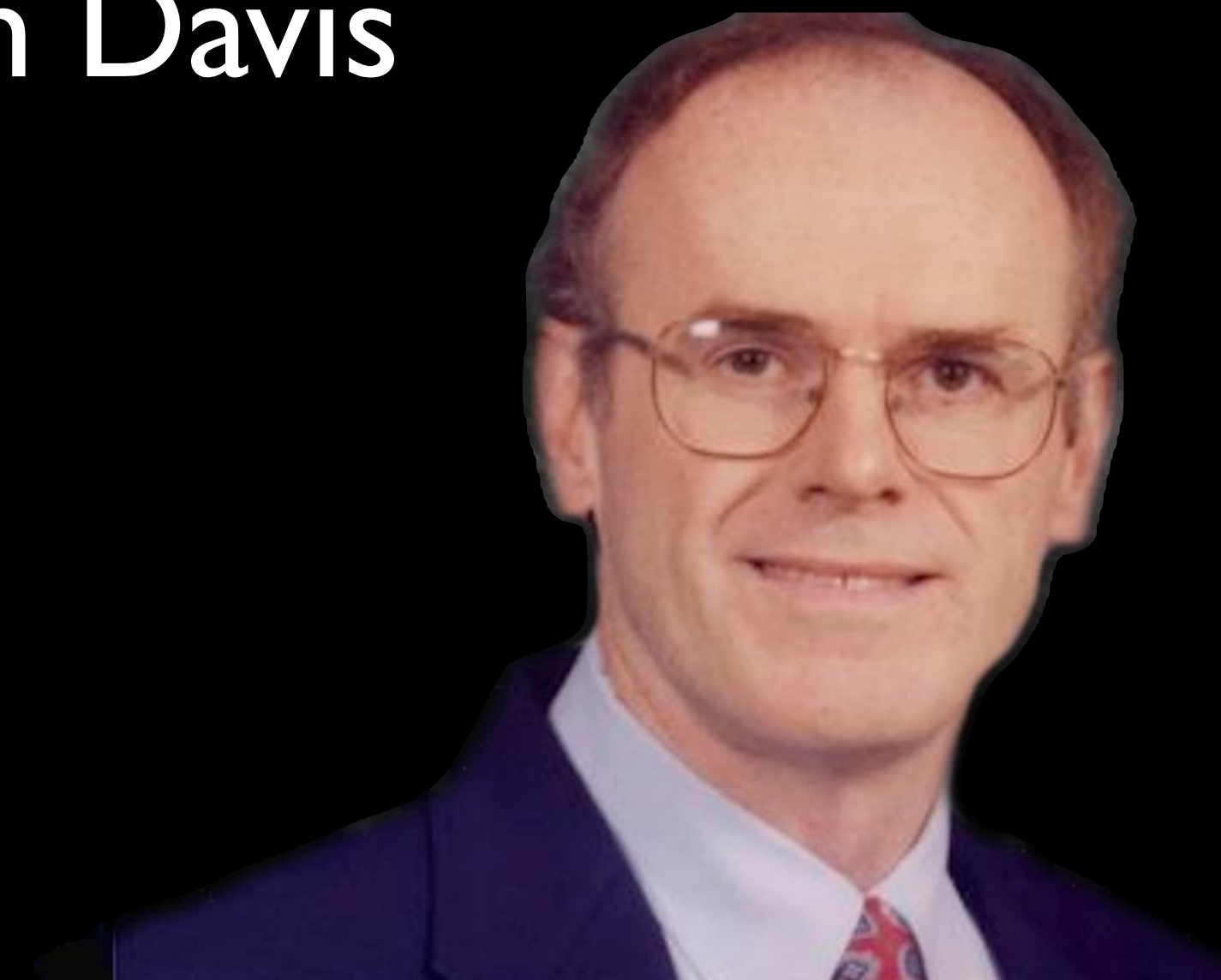
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“Faith does not predict God’s ways;
it simply holds to God’s word;
faith obeys God’s truth,
it does not manipulate God’s hand;
faith is not required to plot God’s course
but only to obey God’s command”

- Dale Ralph Davis



2.The Heart to Stand Firm

³ And this is eternal life,
that they know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

- John 17:3

2.The Heart to Stand Firm

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?”

They answered and said to the king,
“True, O king.”

2.The Heart to Stand Firm

25 He answered and said,
“But I see four men unbound,
walking in the midst of the fire,
and they are not hurt;
and the appearance of the fourth
is like a son of the gods.”

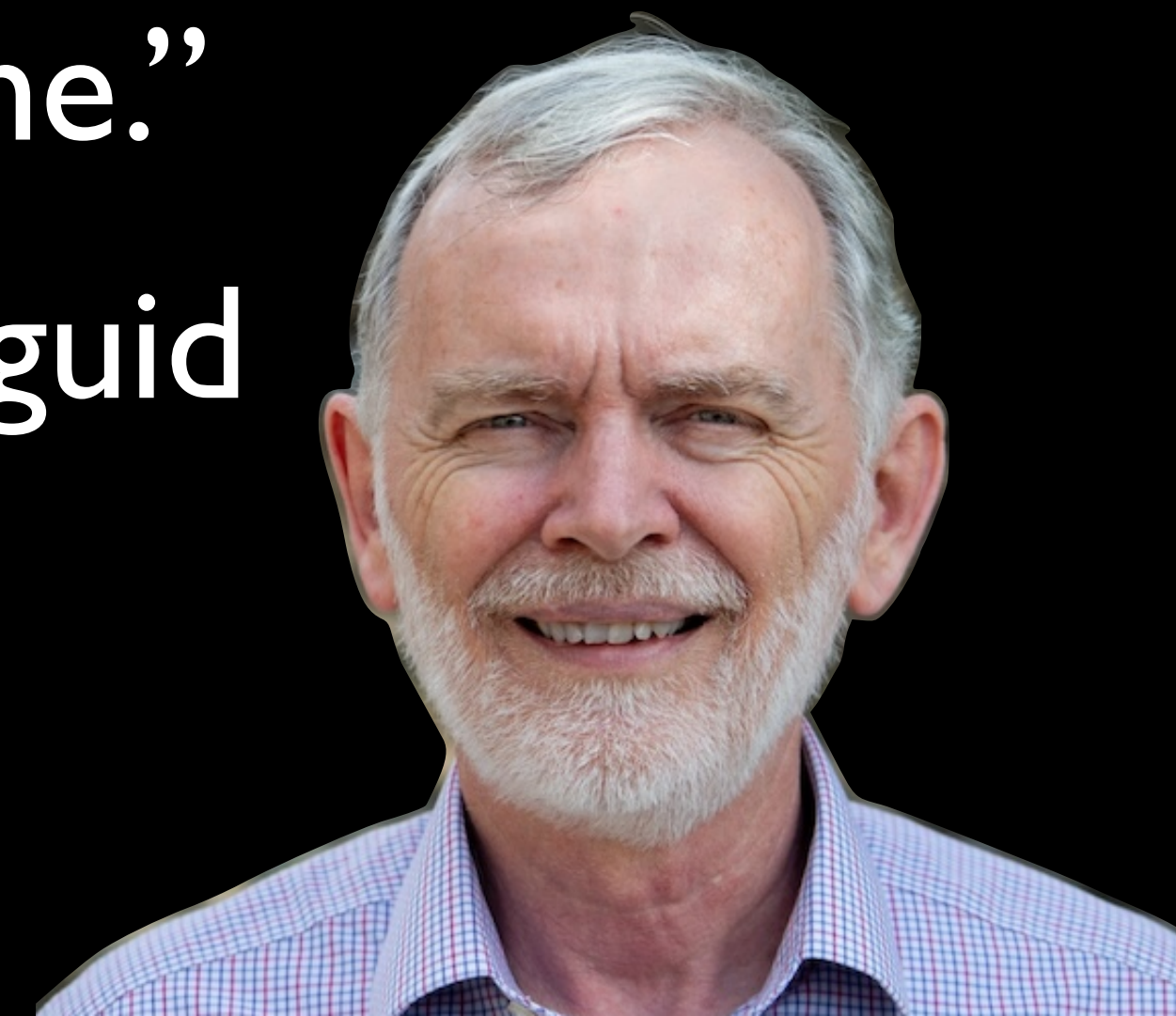
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26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared,
“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
servants of the Most High God,
come out, and come here!”
Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
came out from the fire.



“God has not promised to give us the grace
to face all of the desperate situations
that we might imagine finding ourselves in.
He has promised to sustain us only
in the ones that he actually brings us into.
He therefore doesn’t promise that we will be able to imagine
how we could go through the fire for his sake,
but he does promise that if he leads us through the fire,
he will give us sufficient grace at that time.”

- Iain Duguid



2.The Heart to Stand Firm

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand,
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-Ephesians 2:8-9

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¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation...

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

whether on earth or in heaven,

making peace by the blood of his cross.

-Colossians 1:15-20

2.The Heart to Stand Firm

²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors,
and the king's counselors gathered together
and saw that the fire had not had any power
over the bodies of those men.

The hair of their heads was not singed,
their cloaks were not harmed,
and no smell of fire had come upon them.

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28 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said,
“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
who has sent his angel and delivered his servants,
who trusted in him, and set aside the king’s command,
and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship
any god except their own God.

2.The Heart to Stand Firm

²⁹ Therefore I make a decree:

Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against
the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins,
for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.’’

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
in the province of Babylon.

“The life of faith is about standing at the intersection of brokenness and longing, not questioning God’s presence, power, or goodness, but continuing to trust and obey, assured that he still rules and is marching his world toward the fullness of all he has promised.”

- Paul Tripp



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Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy powerful hands

Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore
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Feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing waters flow
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through

Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield
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Be Thou still my Strength and Shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside,
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side

Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
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I will ever give to Thee

Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears,
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Land me safe on Canaan's side
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