# Psalm 118:1-6

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:

"His love endures forever."

- <sup>3</sup> Let the house of Aaron say:
  - "His love endures forever."
- <sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the Lord say:
  - "His love endures forever."
- <sup>5</sup> When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

### Psalm 118:13-21

- <sup>13</sup> I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me.
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
- "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!
- <sup>16</sup> The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"
- <sup>17</sup> I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.
- <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

#### Psalm 118:28-29

- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- <sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

## Give Thanks for the Enduring Love of God

Let Israel, the house of Aaron and all who fear the Lord SAY, His love endures forever!

# Exodus 34:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow

to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin..."

#### Psalm 118:5

I was in trouble. So I called to the Lord. The Lord answered me and set me free. (Intl. Children's Bible) When I was really hurting, I prayed to the Lord. He answered my prayer, and took my worries away. (Contemporary English Version)

## My Life Verse

# **2 Timothy 4:5**

"<sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry."

Satan tried to silence my voice, steal my confidence, and destroy the call of God on my life to be a shepherd pastor, evangelist, and teacher! *God had a PLAN against the insidious PLOT of Satan!* 

#### Psalm 118:17

<sup>17</sup> I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

God ALLOWED me to go through what would become a defining moment for my life and ministry, and a trial that would last a long time! The reason for it is abundantly clear to me now in hindsight:

- 1. God had a plan for my life, and I needed to be refined.
- 2. Satan had a plot to destroy me, but God trusted me enough to allow me to be tested.
- 3. Father God needed to discipline me because he loved me, and he wanted me to learn how to live in humility and obedience to his will!

**Psalm 118:17 became my victory verse!** Victory over the plot of Satan to destroy my life and ministry and victory in the power of God's grace, mercy, and unending LOVE toward me!

- Satan has a PLOT to steal, kill, and destroy!
- God has a PLAN for your life and my life!
- Victory is yours in God through Christ Jesus!

### 1 Corinthians 15:57

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Psalm 118:15-16

Exuberant PRAISE with shouts of JOY and Victory like the worshipper in our psalm...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; he brought me into a spacious place.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid...

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Lord is on your side!" would be a more accurate translation of this truth!

<sup>&</sup>quot;You and God are a majority!"

# Psalm 118:21; 28-29

# Moments of quiet reflection and thanksgiving listening to instrumental worship music...

- <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
- <sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. <sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever!

## Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

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