

1. Read Psalm 120:1-7 — **Keep Turning to God in a Hostile World.**

- Verse 1 says, “I call on the Lord in my distress, and he answers me.” Why do you think our natural reaction to difficulties is to turn inward or outward before turning to God?
- The psalmist asks God to save him from “lying lips and deceitful tongues.” How can we respond when we are lied about by others or lied to by the culture?
- The psalmist feels like a stranger living far from home. How does knowing that this world is not our ultimate home change the way we live and interact with the people around us?
- The psalmist says, “I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.” What does it look like to refuse to become hostile in a hostile world?

2. Read Psalm 121:1-8 — **Keep Trusting God Along the Way.**

- What do you think the psalmist is communicating by asking, “Where does my help come from?” Why is it significant that his help comes from the Maker of heaven and earth?
- Verse 4 says that God “will neither slumber nor sleep.” How does knowing that God never stops watching over you change the way you respond to anxiety and worry?
- The Lord is called our “shade” who protects us from the sun by day and the moon by night. What does this imagery teach us about God's presence with us in difficult seasons?
- The psalmist says God watches over our “coming and going both now and forevermore.” How does that kind of comprehensive care over our entire journey help you trust him with both today's concerns and tomorrow's uncertainties?

3. Read Psalm 122:1-9 — **Keep Traveling Toward God's Presence.**

- The message says that God's presence is something worth pursuing. What sacrifices or intentional choices might be necessary for us today if we genuinely want to prioritize God's presence and gathering with God's people?
- David's journey to worship isn't a solo journey. Why is Christian community essential to our spiritual journey? What do we lose when we try to follow Jesus entirely on our own?
- Through Jesus, we don't have to travel to Jerusalem to experience God's presence—he has made a way for us to be reconciled to God and is ultimately leading us home. How should that reality change the way we view our journey today?

Next Week: Amos 1:1-2:16

Reading Plan: 1 Thessalonians 5, 2 Thessalonians 1-3 & 2 Peter 1



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