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#7 of 10— August 19, 2018**

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 - In what ways have we been living out our **family** identity recently? How will we do this in the next couple weeks?
 - How have we lived as **servants** to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
 - How have we lived **on mission** where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
- 2) What did you find most helpful, encouraging, or challenging in this message?
- 3) How secure do you feel in life right now? Are there certain areas where you feel more or less secure?
- 4) Read Psalm 46. What do we learn about God in this Psalm? Are there any phrases or words that stand out to you?
- 5) What does it mean that “true safety and security don’t come from a place, but from a person” (Jesus)? Why is this an important distinction? How is this significant for experiencing peace even in a worst-case scenario?
- 6) Read Romans 8:35-39. Do you live daily with the assurance that this passage gives about God’s unfailing love for us? What could you do to remind yourself of, and to embrace the love of God daily?
- 7) What are the “security idols” in your life? (i.e. the things or people that you look to before you look to God in order to experience security). Confess these to God and to each other and pray together that God would become your true refuge.



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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Aaron Richert

August 19, 2018



- 🎧 **A humbling reality: Humanity is incredibly vulnerable.**

Psalm 46

- ¹ *God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.*
- ² *So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.*
- ³ *Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!*
Interlude
- ⁴ *A river brings joy to the city of our God,
the sacred home of the Most High.*
- ⁵ *God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.
From the very break of day, God will protect it.*
- ⁶ *The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble!
God's voice thunders, and the earth melts!*
- ⁷ *The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.*
Interlude
- ⁸ *Come, see the glorious works of the Lord:
See how he brings destruction upon the world.*
- ⁹ *He causes wars to end throughout the earth.
He breaks the bow and snaps the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.*
- ¹⁰ *"Be still, and know that I am God!
I will be honored by every nation.
I will be honored throughout the world."*
- ¹¹ *The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.*
Interlude

- 🎧 **Peace comes from the assurance of security.**
- 🎧 **God hasn't given a secure refuge, He is the secure refuge.**

"God is our refuge and strength" (v. 1)

*"God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed.
From the very break of day, God will protect it." (v. 5)*

*The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress. (v. 7, 11)*

**Big Idea: True safety and security don't come from a place,
but from a person.**

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

Finding Refuge in God:

"Be still, and know that I am God!" (v. 10)

1. Recognize and embrace God for who He is.
2. Recognize and turn from the "security idols" in your life.

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service
are from the New Living Translation (NLT).*