

The Power of Thankfulness

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I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the LORD. – Psalm 40:1-3 (NLT)

“I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises.”
– Psalm 34:1 (NLT)

“Praising God in the Pits”

It is an act of _____

The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. **They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word.** – Mark 4:16-17 (NLT)

Our faith is not determined by our _____

Our faithfulness is not determined by our _____

Our love for God is not dependent upon our _____

It provides a _____ against the enemy.

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. **Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.** – 1 Peter 5:8-9 (NLT)

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. **The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.**
– Psalm 28:6-7 (NIV)

The best defense is a good offense!

It keeps us _____ focused rather than _____ focused.

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! **So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen.** – 2 Cor. 4:17-18 (NLT)

It becomes a life-giving fountain of _____ to ourselves and others.

As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. – Psalm 71:14 (NIV)