

## Discussion Guide (July 16, 2023)

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Message: *The God Who Hears* (series: *Wise Up*)

### PRIMARY PASSAGE: Psalm 18:1-6

*I love you, O LORD, my strength.*

*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

*I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*

*The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.*

*In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.*

*From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears*

### MESSAGE HIGHLIGHT

David's personal relationship with God provided for him a God who hears.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Tell about a time when you wondered, "Does God hear me when I pray?"
2. Share your thoughts about Rick Warren's quote in the sermon:  
"You never know God is all you need until God is all you have."
3. Look over the 11 "my" words David uses in the Psalm. As you think about your current hope of God hearing your cries to Him for help, which metaphor for God can you relate to the most?
4. Three personal stories were shared in Joe's sermon:
  - His own story about a viral hearing loss
  - Judy Maldonado's story of God's answering her prayers
  - Toby Mac's song lyrics following the death of his 21-year-old sonWas one of these helpful to you? In what way?
5. Joe claimed that our love for Jesus is the central catalyst to God's hearing our prayers. Privately determine, on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being an intimate love for Jesus and one being apathy toward Jesus: Where would you like your love for Him to be? Where would you say it is today? What is your next step to move toward loving Jesus more?

***Dear God, it has been so easy for other things, even my ministry for You, to get in the way of my loving You more. I understand that You desire my attention, time and heart's devotion. Please give me the desire and direction to love You more. Amen.***