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"Quashing the Rebellion for Messiah's Throne"

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Devotion and Discussion Questions

Key Texts (TLV): Psalms 2, 32, 62

Have you ever found yourself in a situation where everything inside you wanted to say, "I'm going to do it my way"? Maybe someone challenged your decision, a circumstance threatened your plans, or you simply did not want to surrender control. But sometimes that same struggle takes place in our relationship with ADONAI. We want His protection, His provision, and His peace, while still wanting the final say over our lives.

There is a fight for Messiah's throne. But that rebellion is not only happening somewhere *out there*. It also appears in us – in our own natural inclination to be lord of our lives. Psalms 2, 32, and 62 bring us face-to-face with the same reality from three directions: ADONAI has established His King; trying to mask our rebellion only destroys us; and only in God do our souls find rest.

1. THE KING HAS ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED (PS. 2)

Psalm 2 opens with a startling picture: nations in an uproar, kings taking their stand, rulers conspiring together against ADONAI and His Anointed One. They speak as though the ADONAI's rule is a set of chains they must break and ropes they must throw off. It is kings against THE King. What a vain struggle! The Lord says, *"I have set up My king upon Zion, My holy mountain"* (Ps. 2:6).

ADONAI is not pacing heaven in fear of what these rulers might do. He sits in heaven and laughs, because His throne is not threatened. So the warning goes out to the kings: be wise, accept correction, serve ADONAI with reverence, and take refuge in Him (Ps. 2:10–12). But this question comes home to us, too. Am I resisting His rule because I believe my own way will bring greater freedom? The world says God's ways are chains, but the truth is that He offers freedom from the chains of sin. Why would I fight against the very King who calls me into refuge and life?

2. STOP HIDING THE REBELLION AND LET HIM COVER IT (PS. 32)

Psalm 32 brings the view of man's rebellion against the LORD from the nations into the struggle within the heart of David. David understands that the desire to have his own way can bring destruction within him. He begins by describing the happiness of the person whose transgression is forgiven. That word transgression, *pesha*, speaks of rebellion. Forgiveness means that a burden has been lifted; sin is covered, and guilt is no longer counted against us. But David did not arrive at that freedom by pretending nothing was wrong. He remembers the misery of remaining silent: *"When I kept silent, my bones became brittle through my groaning all day long"* (Ps. 32:3). His strength was drained like the land in a summer drought.

David describes impact of an unrepentant heart as the loss of freshness and vitality, like bread that was once soft with oil but has become stale, dry, and crumbling. Trying to conceal his own rebellion was wearing him out. Then something changed. He acknowledged his sin, stopped hiding his iniquity, and confessed his rebellion to ADONAI. And ADONAI forgave him (Ps. 32:5). Notice the difference: David could not cover his sin by concealing it, but the Lord *could* cover it by forgiving it. The Lord becomes our hiding place, not a place to hide our sin, but the refuge we find when we bring it into His light. And He promises to instruct us in the way we should go. We do not need to remain stubborn like a horse or mule that must be controlled by bit and bridle. We can listen, surrender, and walk in His way.

3. ONLY IN GOD DOES MY SOUL FIND REST (PS. 62)

Psalm 62 is a psalm of certainty. Again and again, David uses the Hebrew word *akh*: "only, surely, certainly." It is a strong declaration of what he knows to be true. *"My soul, wait in stillness, only* (*akh*) *for God—from Him comes my salvation"* (Ps. 62:2). *"He alone* (*akh*) *is my rock and my salvation, my fortress—I will never be moved"* (Ps. 62:3). David is not making these declarations because nothing threatens him. Enemies are assaulting him, plotting to bring him down, blessing with their mouths while inwardly cursing. The enemy's intention is only to topple, deceive, and destroy. Who can I trust? What am I supposed to do?

David answers by coming back to what is certain. **Only** in God does his soul find stillness. **Only** from God comes his hope—his expectation. At first, he says he will not be *greatly* shaken; later, he simply declares that he will not be shaken (Ps. 62:3, 7). His confidence grows as he fixes his attention on the Lord rather than the voices around him. Why build our decisions on what they say, when their authority is so temporary? David calls us to trust in ADONAI at all times and pour out our hearts before Him (Ps. 62:9). And the psalm ends with two truths to hold together: power belongs to God, and lovingkindness—*chesed*—belongs to Him (Ps. 62:12–13). No one is more powerful, and no one is more loving. The One who reigns over all is also the One in whom we can safely rest.

CONCLUSION

The three psalms tell one story. Psalm 2 asks who rules the earth and then declares that ADONAI has established His King. Psalm 32 asks what happens when I refuse His rule in my own heart and shows me the freedom of honest confession. Psalm 62 asks where I will find security when threats, lies, and uncertainty surround me and answers: only in God. The rebellion is deceptive, promising independence and victory, but leaving us exhausted and afraid. There is a way that seems right to us, yet our own ways cannot give the life that only He can give.

It can look so desirable to have everything our own way. We imagine that if we win the argument, control the outcome, or get what we want, then we win. But the victory is not in taking the throne for ourselves. The victory is in yielding it to the rightful King. His kingdom is marked by truth, righteousness, justice, and love. We are invited to give

Messiah His place, not once in a moment of emotion, but day after day, in the choices that reveal whom we really trust.

Perhaps you recognize a place in your life where you have been fighting for the throne. It may be an obvious act of disobedience, or something quieter: a decision you refuse to surrender, a bitterness you keep defending, a habit of trusting your own instincts more than His Word. Maybe you have been keeping silent about it, and the burden has left you spiritually dry and worn down. Do not call rebellion merely a mistake and then keep carrying it. Acknowledge it before ADONAI. Let Him lift what you cannot lift and cover what you cannot cover.

Or perhaps the battle today is not hidden sin but fear. You have been listening to the voices of opposition until your soul has lost its stillness. Bring those fears to Him, too. Pour out your heart in His presence. Say, "Lord, I have wanted my way, but I want You to rule and reign. You have the throne of my heart, my decisions, my hopes, and my future." Receive His forgiveness, trust His instruction, and rest in His strength. Messiah is King. Let Him have His rightful place in you today.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In Ps. 2, why is the rebellion of earthly rulers described as a vain struggle, and what does ADONAI's response reveal about His kingship?
2. Where in your daily decisions are you most tempted to say, "I want to do it my way," rather than submit to Messiah's rule?
3. How does David's experience in Ps. 32 reveal the difference between concealing sin ourselves and allowing ADONAI to cover it through forgiveness?
4. What voices, pressures, or fears are currently shaking your peace, and how could you practice trusting ADONAI alone this week?
5. How does knowing that both power and *chesed* belong to ADONAI change the way you understand surrender and security?

CLOSING PRAYER

ADONAI, You have established Your King, and no rebellion can overturn Your purposes. Forgive us for the places where we have tried to rule our own lives. We acknowledge our sin and lay down our stubbornness before You. Thank You that Your *chesed* meets us with forgiveness, that You lift our burden and become our hiding place. Teach us the way we should walk, and give us willing hearts to follow. When fear and uncertainty rise, quiet our souls in Your presence. You alone are our rock, our salvation, our fortress, and our hope. Let Yeshua reign over our thoughts, decisions, relationships, and future. We choose Your way, Your truth, and Your kingdom today.

B'Shem Yeshua, In the name of Yeshua, amen.