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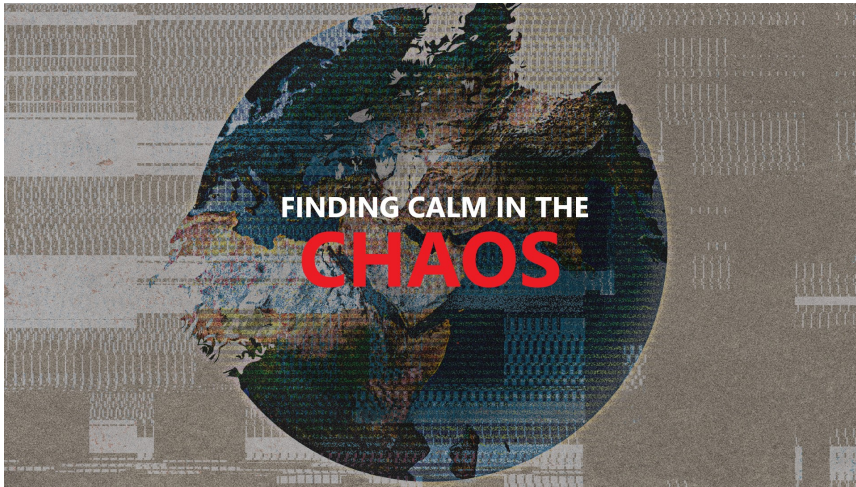
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- We are not certain who the author is of Psalm 91; Jewish tradition states it was Moses, and the Septuagint attributes it to David.
- *Why is that important?* It’s important for us to see that in this great psalm of trust in God’s protection, that both people to whom it is attributed (Moses or David) were both people who had fearful moments in life!
- For example, here is David’s prayer when he was fearful when he was seized by his enemies, the Philistines:
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- Both fear and foolishness are to the left and right of faith.
- Fear leads to paralysis and keeps us from faith. Foolishness leads to presumption and keeps us from faith.
- It’s critical to see that the promises of Psalm 91 were used by the enemy to get Jesus to jump from the temple in both Matthew 4 and Luke 4. Jesus didn’t jump!
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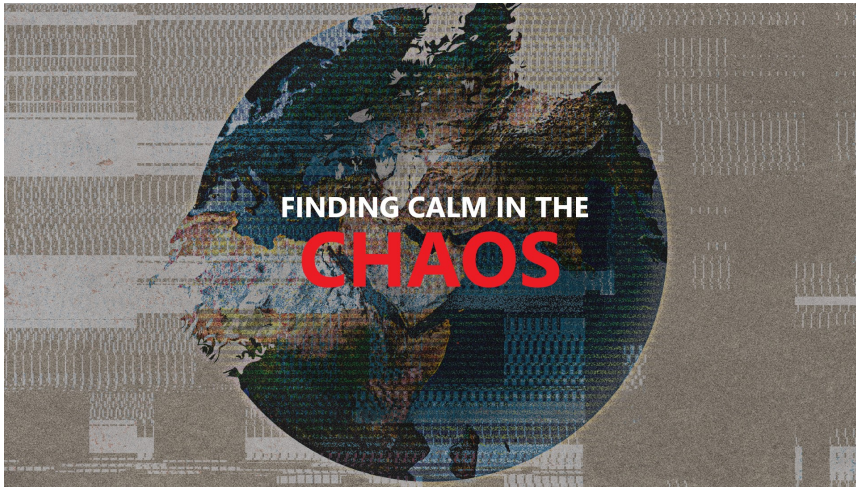
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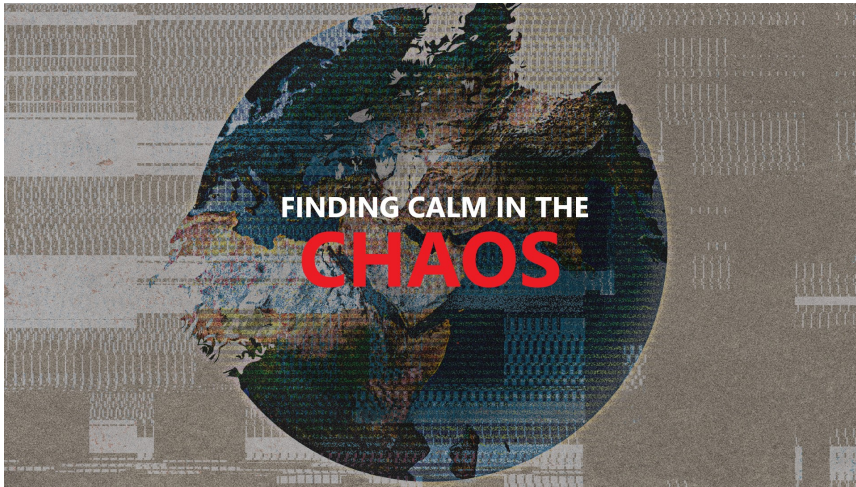
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