



**1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v.8)**

**2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-5)**

**3. Maintain \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-7)**

**Psalms 138**

*OF DAVID.*

**1** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; **2** I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. **3** On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. **4** All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, **5** and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. **6** For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. **7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. **8** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Acts 17:24-26**. What is the danger of forgetting the truths found in this passage? What is the effect of living as a "practical atheist" (i.e., acting as though everything is random) when saying you believe in God?
2. Read **Esther 4:14**. Why should affirming God's sovereignty never become a license to being passive, lethargic, or lazy in the Christian life?
3. Read **Psalms 138:8** and **Psalms 57:2**. Why is prayer an important part of seeking and affirming God's will in your life? How would you counsel a new Christian to pray regarding his plans?
4. Read **Hebrews 2:8** and **Philippians 2:9-11 & 3:20-21**. How does this future reality help you as you face the opposition to God's will in your life?

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>This Week's Bible Reading Schedule</i></p> <p><b>July 21<sup>st</sup></b> <i>Ps.34-35 &amp; Ac.22</i></p> <p><b>July 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Ps.36-37 &amp; Ac.23:1-11</i></p> <p><b>July 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <i>Ps.38-40 &amp; Ac.23:12-35</i></p> <p><b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Ps.41-43 &amp; Ac.24</i></p> <p><b>July 25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Ps.44-46 &amp; Ac.25</i></p> <p><b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Ps.47-49 &amp; Ac.26</i></p> <p><b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Ps.50-52 &amp; Ac.27:1-25</i></p> <p><b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Ps.53-55 &amp; Ac.27:26-44</i></p>
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*This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question*

- Read **Revelation 19:16**. How does the future vindication and consummation of God's plans for human history motivate you to partner now in the big goals found in Compass 20/20 for the present era?

*The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).*

Msg. 07-23 – **Attempting Great Things for God**  
Msg. 18-22 – **Real Power & Prestige**  
Msg. 14-32 – **When the Task Seems Impossible**  
Msg. 18-23 – **Strength in Frailty**  
Msg. 18-04 – **King Jesus: Submitting to His Sovereign Authority**  
Msg. 14-19 – **A Grueling Spiritual Battle**  
Msg. 15-15 - 1520 – **Christ's School of Prayer** (a six-part series on prayer)

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*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

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Stedman, Ray C. **Spiritual Warfare: Winning the Daily Battle with Satan**. Reprint. Discovery House, 1999.  
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