

# This I Declare - God Our Refuge

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**Scriptures:** Psalm 91:1-2; Romans 4:16-25

**Bottom Line:** The names of God reveal who God is and what He does

To "declare" is to say what you believe to be true, what you stand for, and what you love.

Our faith is strengthened when we declare it!

## Psalm 91:1-2 Four Names for God

### **"Most High" - Elyon: "Highest, Supreme"**

- You're speaking to the one who is in charge of all things, who can do something about your situation
- Resting in God - Cultivating your awareness of God's presence
- **Declaration:** "I live under the protection of the Most High"

### **"Almighty" - Shaddai: All-Powerful, All-Sufficient**

- God's power is personal
- Find ways to quiet your soul
- **Declaration:** "I find my rest in the shadow of the Almighty"

### **"LORD" - Yahweh (YHWH): Ever Existing, Promise Keeper**

- Reverence is essential to our relationship with God
- **Declaration:** "You, Lord, are my refuge"

### **"God" - Elohim: God & Creator**

- He creates good and beauty out of nothing
- **Declaration:** "I trust in God who gives me life"

# LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. Where have you looked for refuge in your life?
3. How can you make God bigger?
4. What opportunities is the HOly Spirit leading you into to be a refuge for someone else?