

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Psalms for You: When You've Been Given Great Responsibility

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Psalm 21



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"O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! 2 You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips. 3 For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold upon his head. 4 He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever. 5 His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him. 6 For you make him most blessed forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence. 7 For the king trusts in the Lord, and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved. 8 Your hand will find out all your enemies; your right hand will find out those who hate you. 9 You will make them as a blazing oven when you appear. The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath, and fire will consume them. 10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth, and their offspring from among the children of man. 11 Though they plan evil against you, though they devise mischief, they will not succeed. 12 For you will put them to flight; you will aim at their faces with your bows. 13 Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power."

Sermon Outline

How to be Faithful in What God Has Given You to Do:

- I. Lean on God for strength (Psalm 21:1, 13)
- II. Plead with God in prayer (Psalm 21:2)
- III. Recognize God's blessings (Psalm 21:3-6a)
- IV. Spend time in God's presence (Psalm 21:6b)
- V. Hold tight to God's love (Psalm 21:7)
- VI. Press on in faith (Psalm 21:8-12)
- VII. Keep an eye on your reward (Psalm 21:3-6)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. What are some examples of things God has given you to do? (Think big and small!) How do those things make you a leader (even if you don't have the official title on a plaque or a crown on your head!)?

3. How can you lean on God for strength as you work to...
 - ...obey his Word?
 - ...resist temptation?
 - ...love your neighbor?
 - ...share the Gospel?

4. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 being abysmal and 10 being flawless), how would you rate your prayer life? Why that number? What would it look like practically to take your prayer life to the *next* number?
5. Take 3-5 minutes to write down all the ways God has blessed you (big and small!). What do you notice about the list? How do you think you could help yourself have blessings like these on your mind more often?
6. How will keeping God's blessings on your mind help your leadership?
7. What is keeping you from time in God's presence? How could you get that barrier(s) removed? What would that mean for your life, time management, and schedule? What's something you could do this week to help?
8. In Psalm 21:7, what gives King David stability is God's love. When is it hardest to believe God loves you? What things in your life (if any) do you think are keeping you from a *sense* that he loves you (e.g. sin)? If you knew God loved you (despite what you do or don't accomplish for him), how do you think that would change the way you carry out what he's given you to do?
9. Why is it so hard to press on in faith through hard things? Why is *faith* key to pressing on? Why does it matter that our faith is in *God* (as opposed to ourselves or something/someone else)?
10. How does thinking about Heaven encourage you in the work God has given you today?