



Good Things Happening!

Psalm 71

Listen! Last year I attended a conference on communication and it took five minutes to introduce the main speaker—just to rehearse his major accomplishments alone.

First, please be sure: The accomplishments of God make the accomplishments of this distinguished scholar look like a night light.

Second, please be sure: God expects us to rehearse His many accomplishments.

- For Example: Exodus 15 and the 7 progress reports in Acts.

Psalm 71: An old man rehearses the faithfulness of God and reaffirms his trust in that faithful God.

The old man turns to God in his time of need. (vv 1-3)

The old man reaffirms his faith because of God's life-long care for him. (vv 4-13)

The old man vows to continue to praise the God Who has helped him. (vv 14-24)

Core Idea: God works faithfully at all times...therefore we must rehearse His works and trust Him continually.

- Rehearsing the work of God: Celebrate God with our whole lives. (Sunday Worship)
- Rehearsing the work of God: Building Bridges to global communities. (Trips)
- Rehearsing the work of God: Building Bridges to local communities. (Friendships)
- Rehearsing the work of God: Connect and grow in life-shaping relationships. (Small Groups)

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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Please read: Psalm 71

- **Today:** Please take time to list some of the major things that God has done for you in the past. What comes to your heart and mind as you read this list?
- **Monday:** Please read Psalm 71:1-3. What/Who is God to the psalmist in these verses? What metaphors does he use of God and what do the metaphors mean? Is He all of this to you?
- **Tuesday:** Please read Psalm 71:4-13. What has God done for the psalmist in the past? Why is it important to rehearse these?
- **Wednesday:** Please read Psalm 71:4-13 again. How do you see “life-long care” that God has given to the psalmist in these verses? How have you seen “life-long care” given to you by God?
- **Thursday:** Please read Psalm 71:14-24. The theme verse of this section is verse 14. What is the commitment that the psalmist is making in this verse? Why does he make this commitment?
- **Friday:** Please read Psalm 71:14-24 again. What does the psalmist promise that he will say about God? Why is it important to say what is true about God—rather than simply know what is true about Him?
- **Saturday:** Please write a list of the global or universal or seminal works of God—like creation, redemption...
- **Bonus thought—at no extra charge:** How would you summarize—in a single sentence—the message of Psalm 71? In other words, if God the Holy Spirit had written one sentence instead of the entire Psalm what do you think that sentence would be?

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