When Life Feels Insecure, Remember . . . Psalm 125-126

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TRUST, knowing that God is your security on life's journey.

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. ²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore. ³The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous, for then the righteous might use their hands to do evil. Psalm 125:1-3 (NIV)

"Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him . . . "Job 13:15a (NIV)

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. ² Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

PRAY, knowing that life's battles are won in dependence upon God.

Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. Psalm 125:4 (NIV)

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev. ⁵Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. ⁶He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him. Psalm 126:4-6 (NIV)

REJOICE, knowing that ultimate solutions often start with small beginnings.

When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. ²Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." ³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:1-3 (NIV)

"Will the Lord reject forever? . . . ⁸Has his unfailing love vanished forever? . . . ⁹Has God forgotten to be merciful?" Psalm 77:7-9a (NIV)