

Unwavering - *On the Rock*

Psalms 56:3-4 (NIV)

³ **When I am afraid**, I will trust in you. ⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?

GIVEN: I will _____

RESPONSE: I will _____

I. God is our Rock

Psalms 62:5-8 (NIV)

⁵ Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

⁷ **My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Selah

Isaiah 51:1 (NIV)

¹ "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

A. What you are anchored to?

Hebrews 6:17-20 (NIV)

¹⁷ Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. ¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. ¹⁹ **We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.** It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

B. Life Boat vs. Foundation

1. Unwavering is a _____ discussion.

Luke 19:40-44 (NIV)

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." ⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

2. Unwavering is a discussion about _____.

Luke 12:32-34 (NIV)

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

3. Unwavering is a life about _____.

2 Timothy 1:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹² That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

I will not stop!

II. God's People

The Planet Earth is Depending on the People of God

A. Responsibility - to cooperate with God's purposes

Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Hebrews 3:12 (NASB)

¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

B. Reward - God will protect & defend His people

Romans 8:38-39 (MSG)

³⁸ I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, ³⁹ high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

Joel 3:1-3 (NIV)

¹ In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will enter into judgment against them concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land. ³ They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine that they might drink.

C. The Power of _____

Romans 12:9-13 (NIV)

⁹ Love must be sincere. **Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.** ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

An Expression of Worship:

Psalms 95:1-8 (NIV)

¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; **let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.** ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. ³ For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship, **let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;** ⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if you hear his voice, ⁸ do not harden your hearts . . .

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