

GOD IS _____

Part 17: God is Protective

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What comes into our minds when we think about God
is the most important thing about us.

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Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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Psalm 3

A psalm of David. When he fled from his son Absalom.

- ¹ LORD, how many are my foes!
How many rise up against me!
- ² Many are saying of me,
"God will not deliver him."
- ³ But you, LORD, are a shield around me,
my glory, the One who lifts my head high.
- ⁴ I call out to the Lord,
and he answers me from his holy mountain.
- ⁵ I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.
- ⁶ I will not fear though tens of thousands
assail me on every side.
- ⁷ Arise, LORD!
Deliver me, my God!
Strike all my enemies on the jaw;
break the teeth of the wicked.
- ⁸ From the Lord comes deliverance.
May your blessing be on your people.

When I feel afraid or threatened, I know:

1) My situation is known by God.

2) My confidence is in God.

God is a shield that surrounds me.

God is my glory

God lifts my head in confidence and pride (*Contrast II Samuel 15:30*)

3) My deliverance comes from God.

Because of what I know to be true,
that God is protective,
I will not live in fear.

Next Steps

On your way home, talk about what you learned in church together.

Small Group Questions

- 1) What are you afraid of?
- 2) What makes you feel better when you feel afraid or threatened?
- 3) What storms has God calmed in your life? What storms are still raging?
- 4) Review the section above titled "*When I feel afraid or threatened, I know:*" Which of the three is the most meaningful to you? Why?
- 5) What do you need God to deliver you from right now?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?