

York Street Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 28th May 2023

Wholly Devoted Heart
Psalm 61 (TPT)

A promotional graphic for a guest speaker. On the left, there are three teal starburst icons above the text "Guest Speaker: Naomi Thorne (Churches of Christ Vic/Tas)". The background features abstract teal and orange shapes with orange grid patterns. On the right is a black and white portrait of Naomi Thorne, a woman with short grey hair and glasses, smiling. She is wearing a necklace with a small cross.

Guest Speaker:
Naomi Thorne
(Churches of Christ Vic/Tas)

These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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PSALM 61

The Passion Translation

Prayer for Protection

To the Pure and Shining One

A song for the guitar by King David

¹O God, hear my prayer. Listen to my heart's cry.

²For no matter where I am, even when I'm far from home,
I will cry out to you for a father's help.

When I'm feeble and overwhelmed by life,
guide me into your glory, where I am safe and sheltered.

³Lord, you are a paradise of protection to me.

You lift me high above the fray.

None of my foes can touch me
when I'm held firmly in your wraparound presence!

⁴Keep me in this glory.

Let me live continually under your splendour-shadow,
hiding my life in you forever.

Pause in his presence

⁵You have heard my sweet resolutions.

to love and serve you, for I am your beloved.

And you have given me an inheritance of rich treasures,
which you give to all your devoted lovers.

⁶You treat me like a king, giving me a full and abundant life,
years and years of reigning,
like many generations rolled into one.

⁷I will live enthroned with you forever!

Guard me, God, with your unending, unfailing love.

Let me live my days walking in grace and truth before you.

⁸And my praises will fill the heavens forever,
fulfilling my vow to make every day a love-gift to you!

Q1. Having read Psalm 61, how overwhelmed would you say you are now about your current life circumstances?

Q2. In times of desperation, are you more prone to allow your circumstances to deaden your prayer life or drive you to cry out to God? How have you learned to cry out to God during times of desperation?

Q3. What examples do you have of experiencing God's provision, protection, and faithfulness in life? What passages of scripture do you go to help remind you of these three? What's so special about the passage of scripture you chose?

Q4. What lies do you believe that feed the temptation to pray less instead of more?

- I can fix it.
- I'm strong enough to swim against it.
- I deserve it.
- I'm smart enough to think my way through it.
- Other _____

Q5. What's one step of faith and obedience you can take to help you overcome the lie(s) you mentioned above?

PRAY

Thank the Lord for establishing you in Christ and that you have the seal of Holy Spirit to help you face overwhelming times of trouble.