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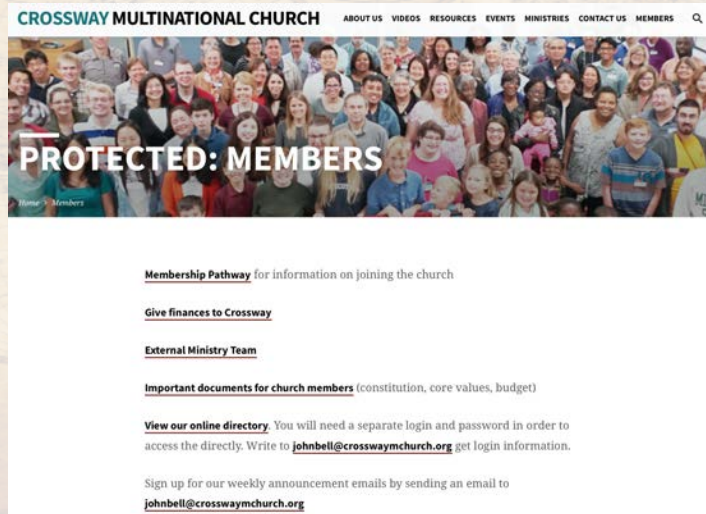
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Troubles and our Response

What is broken in the world that really matters?

How do people respond to these troubles?

What is broken in **your world that really matters?**

How are **you responding to these troubles?**

How **should we be responding?**

Pray

Taking Refuge

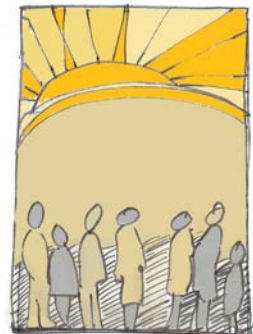
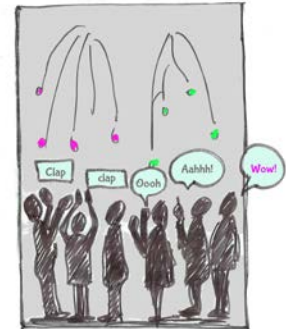
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Psalm 57

Superscript: When David hid to save his life from Saul

- 1-3: • Debate over whether this is ‘Scripture’
- 4: • Very different from chapter & section headings
- 5: • Verse 1 in Hebrew and Septuagint (Greek)
- 6: • “Do not destroy” is maybe a tune AND an idea
- 7-9: • Unknown words: Miktam, Selah
- 10: • NIV skips Selah in verses 3 and 6
- 11: • Intentionally connected to David’s experience
 - Yet also intentionally useful for many different settings across time

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David, the great King and poet of Israel

Event in David’s life	Possible age (years)
Anointed to be king in private ceremony	10
Fought & killed Goliath	15
King Saul banished David	25
David hid in a cave for safety from Saul	30
King Saul died	35
Became king over Judah	35
Became king over Israel	42
Died	85

**In the middle
of a 10 year
struggle**

David hiding from King Saul

King Saul said of David: “Now send someone to bring him to me, for he must die!”

1 Samuel 20:31

“David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father’s household heard about it, they went down to him there. All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him.”

1 Samuel 22:1-2

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1-3: Crying out to God in trust in the middle of trouble

4: • “shadow”=within the power of

5: • “wings”=metaphor of protection, angels over ark

6: • God is the “Most High” with authority over all

7-9: • God is also caring for individual people

10: • “Vindicates”=comes to my defense; fulfills purposes

11: • Because he is making God his trust and hope

• Great pair that is always connected with God

• Love=covenant commitment, not merely emotion

• Faithfulness=even through trouble

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1-3: Crying out to God in trust in the middle of trouble

4: Crying out about what is broken

5: • Lion = fits David's past role as a shepherd

6: and present experience as a refugee

7-9: • Metaphor for people's attacks; vulnerability

10: • Forced to dwell = lie down = vulnerable over time

11: • Ravenous beasts=people who are eager to destroy

• People are clearly his concern

• Spears, arrows, & swords=physical threats & harm

• Teeth & tongues=verbal attacks

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1-3: Crying out to God in trust in the middle of trouble

4: Crying out about what is broken

5: Crying out to God to show His glory

6: • God's glory is tied to His actions for His people

7-9: • Where His glory is known, His will is being done

10: • Show authority over supernatural (heavens)

11: and natural (earth)

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4: Crying out about what is broken

5: Crying out to God to show His glory

6: Crying out about what is broken...with hope

7-9: • Again describing his troubles

10: • People who intend harm

11: • With hope

• People who intend harm eventually experience it

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7-9: Commitment to trust and praise and thank God

10: • Heart=will & inner life, not just emotions

11: • Awaken the dawn=make the music of the dawn
before the dawn has begun

• Praising God before he feels like it

• Praising God among all peoples brings His glory

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10: Confidence in God's steadfast love & faithfulness

11: • Once again, focus on love & faithfulness

- Fills the entire space where living beings exist

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11: Crying out to God to show His glory

- The psalmist vows to praise God and fully anticipates His glory, even though the situation hasn't changed yet

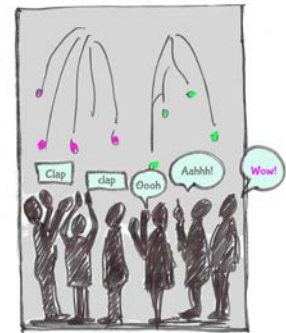
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In our troubles
our praise of God
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God's salvation

Sometimes, praise is in response to God's works

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. **For my eyes have seen your salvation,** which you have prepared in the sight of all nations" *Luke 2:29-31*

"Then Jesus told Thomas, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed'" *John 20:29*

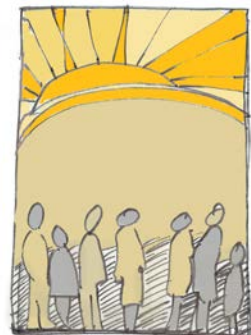
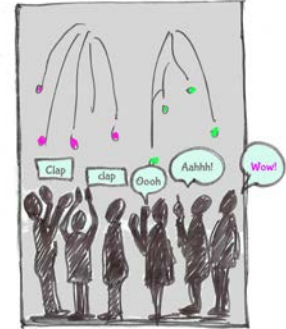


God's speech came before action

"And God said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light" *Genesis 1:3*

God spoke things into being

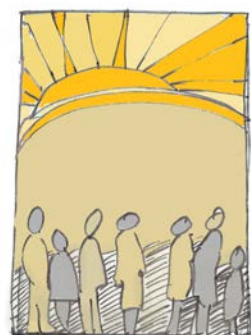
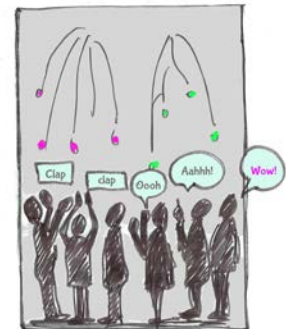
"For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded,
and it stood firm." *Psalms 33:9*



Our praise of God can awaken the dawn of His work

"If anyone speaks, they should
do so as one who speaks
the very words of God." *1 Peter 4:11*

"If you then, though you are evil,
know how to give good gifts to
your children, how much more
will your Father in heaven
**give the Holy Spirit to those
who ask him!**" *Luke 11:13*

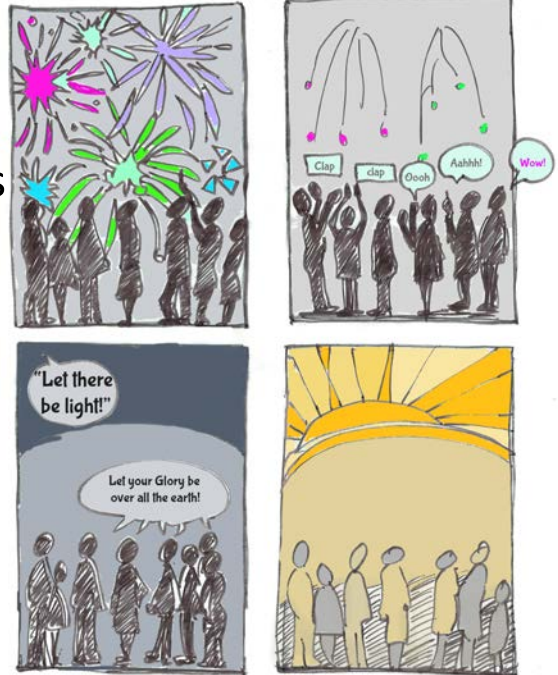


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“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

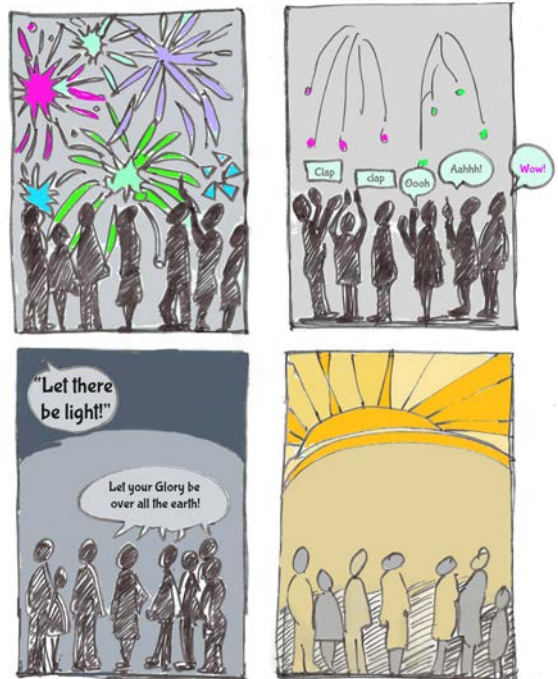
John 15:7

Speaking God’s word in faith enacts God’s will



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Application

- **Weep over the pain and trouble**
 - Crying out about what is wrong reflects the heart of God
 - **Jesus wept** over Jerusalem's rejection of Him *Luke 19:41-44*
 - “Rejoice with those who rejoice; **mourn with those who mourn.**” *Romans 12:15*
 - “It is **better to go to a house of mourning** than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart. Frustration is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart.” *Ecclesiastes 7:2-3*
 - “Jesus looked around at them in **anger** and, **deeply distressed** at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’” *Mark 3:5*

Application

- **Weep over the pain and trouble**
 - Crying out about what is wrong reflects the heart of God
 - As the psalmist did, use your own heart language and skill
 - Poetry, music, dance, sculpture, prose, essays, conversation, spoken word, ...
 - Over brokenness in our own experiences
 - Over brokenness experienced by others

Application

- **Weep over the pain and trouble**
- **Practice “prophetic praise”**
 - Prophecy: declaring God’s will with power
 - Speaking God’s word in faith enacts God’s will
 - “The word of God not only **describes** a glorious future, it is God’s appointed means to **create** that future” *ESV Study Bible on Isaiah 55:11*
 - Awaken the dawn of God’s work through faith-filled expression of His will

Application

- **Weep over the pain and trouble**
- **Practice “prophetic praise”**
 - Prophecy: declaring God’s will with power
 - I don’t mean:
 - We can make God do what we want when we want it
 - I do mean:
 - Praising God has power as it expresses the will of God
 - We are invited to tell what we want in humility, and also to declare what is God’s will with great authority
 - Cheerful confidence in the midst of danger and trouble

Application

- **Weep over the pain and trouble**
- **Practice “prophetic praise”**
- **Create and use a godly “Lament”**
 - A passionate expression of grief AND hope
 - Be creative, use your skill, use your whole being
 - Create and share
 - Use what others have created
 - Create and express together
 - Join in others’ laments

Application

- **“Lament”**

Address	We are speaking to the God over all
Complaint	What isn’t right in our world
Statement of trust	Our confidence in God’s goodness and power
Petition	What we need God to do
Poetic exclamations	Creative ways to describe the need and God’s power to help
Statement of trust	Full expectation of our experience of His goodness, in His plan

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