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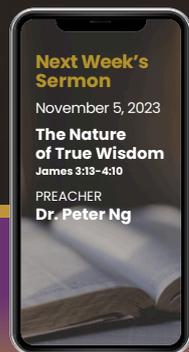
Devotions by The Youth: PSALMS 71-72

Scripture

Psalm 71:18 - "Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come"

Observation

I struggle with the word 'forsake' and what it meant in this context for the word used in this text is ta'azab which borrows its root word from 'azab'. 'Azab' could stand for



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many things, and a few are like these: leave, abandon, ignore, to be left behind.

But 'azab' could also stand for being: 'restored', 'repaired', 'to be set free'.

I believe what the Psalmist is trying to convey is not the point in life where God leaves the psalmist per se but rather when the psalmist is called home.

And there is one thing that the Psalmist asks, that God would allow him to declare his testimony of the Lord to the next generation.

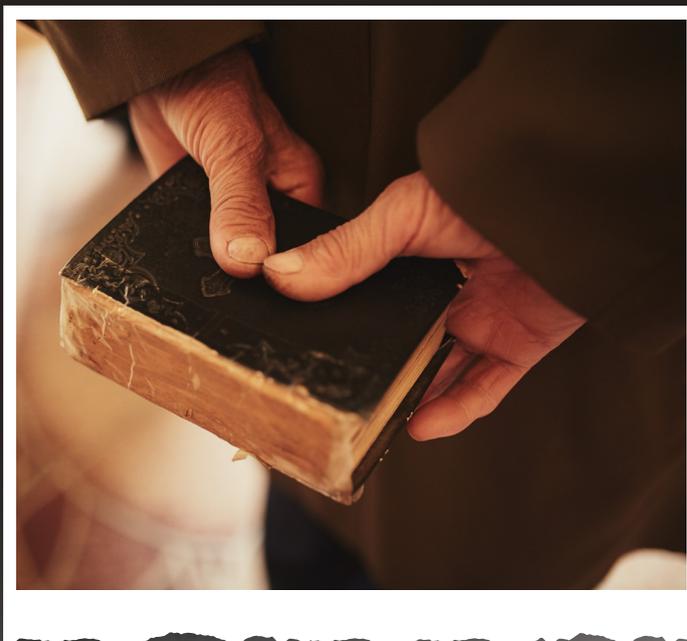
Application

I don't know when the Lord would 'azab' me. But one thing I ask, is that I would be like the Psalmist in looking forward each day to proclaim what he knows about God to the next generation before the Lord himself brings him home.

May I live each day, seeking opportunities to be intentional of my actions so that His name and His power would be herald.

Prayer

Death is uncertain, but one thing I ask, if you may, let me see the next generation come before I'm called home. Let me preach to them and testify of your works, let my actions be intentional so that they may know Your name. Be gracious to me O Lord, in Jesus name, Amen.



Scripture

Psalm 71

David's Oppression

V10 - For my enemies speak against me; those who wait to kill me conspire together.

V9 - Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

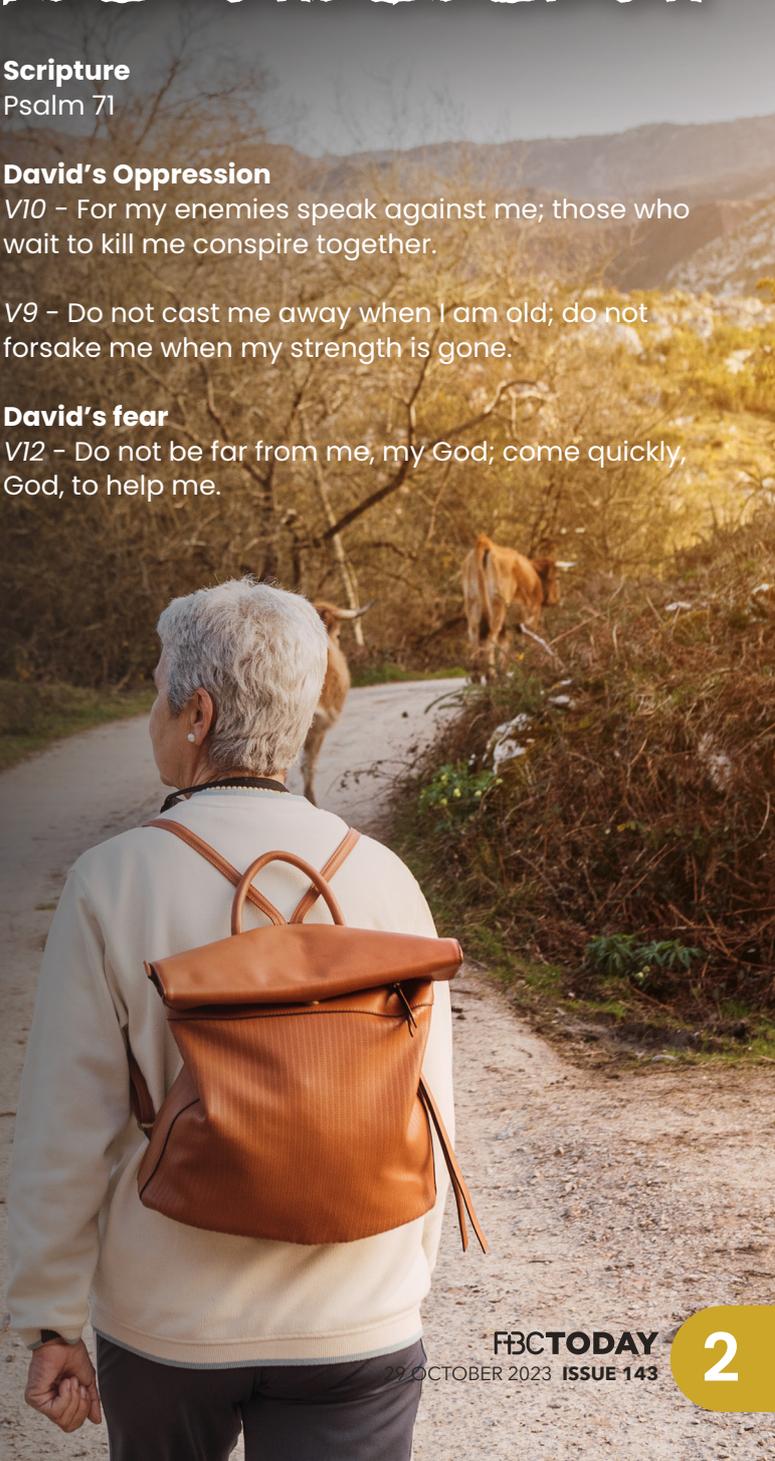
David's fear

V12 - Do not be far from me, my God; come quickly, God, to help me.



By Ivan Khoo

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David's hope

V14 - As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more.

Observation

David's oppression was not David's greatest fear. I think David's greatest fear was the distance between David and God. When I feel a great distance between God and me, there is that sense of loneliness and void in my heart. Hence, empathizing with David, I think he feared that feeling Ia.

NOTABLE thing though was that the one who was the center of David's fear was his greatest hope—God, himself.

I noted how v1-v13 leaned more towards David's prayer of supplication but after v 14 was his prayer of supplication.

This structure reminded me of how I can pray about my problems and the need of God's supplication but I should never forget about placing and centering my hope around God.

When hope was placed in God, David gave praise and thankfulness to God. Hence, when my hope is placed in God, my perspective shift and I realize there is nothing to fear because through hope, strength rises through the Holy Spirit.

Application

Keep your eyes on God.

Keep your eyes on God not because you expect something from God but because you remember that your heart yearns for God to be glorified through the plans.

Numbers 23:19 - "God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?"

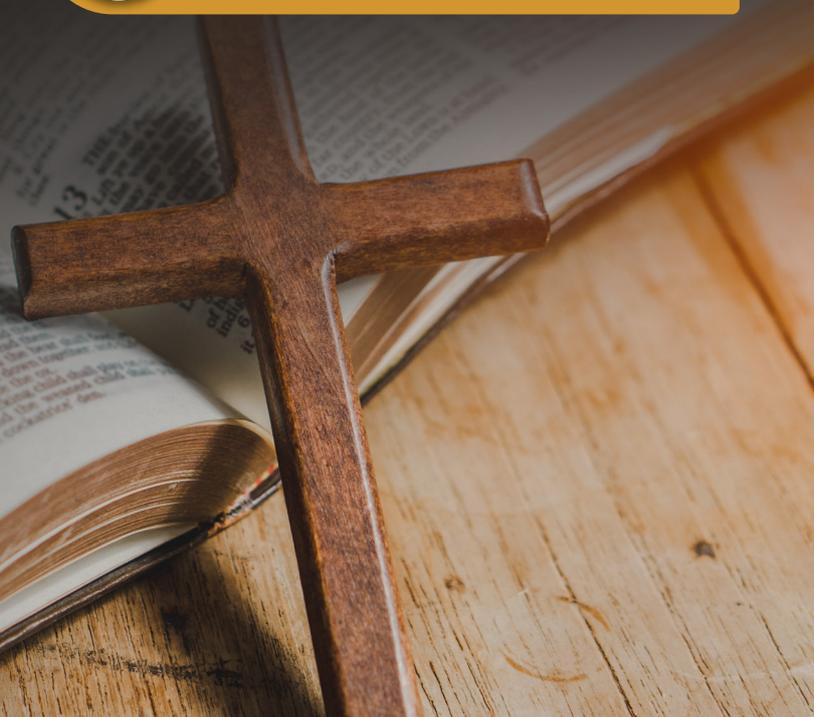
Prayer

Dear God, I pray for my eyes to continuously fix on you. That my afflictions and suffering would not end only as a wound but a worship and testimony to show your glory and marvelous work. In Jesus name, Amen.



By Grace Ong

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Special Announcement

Dear members of FBC, here are some upcoming important dates to note:

1. FBC ROS AGM

29 October 2023, 1.30pm

(PHYSICAL only)

- Financial report
- Election of Office Bearers

2. FBC (E) AGM

29 October 2023, 2.15pm

(PHYSICAL + ZOOM)

- Financial report
- Constitution amendment
- Election of Office Bearers



Prayer Spotlight



Prayer for Youth

- For the camp preacher to preach the word of God with clarity that leads to worshiping God we will be going through the book of Philipians.
- For God's words, through the Spirit, to penetrate deep into the participant's heart to lead to.... (we have a mix of unbelievers and believers as participants).
- For repentance of sin and calling into this new life in Christ. Our core message is centered on Gospel-centered living. We call it Aftermath. (1) to make it sound more youth friendly (2) the death of Christ does something to our life.
- For leaders to submit ourselves to God so that we serve others during camp.