

Title: **That I May Walk in Your Truth**
Text: **Psalms 86**
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Big Idea: As we see who our God is, it evokes a response.

- 1 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 **Preserve my life**, for I am godly;
save your servant, who trusts in you - you are my God.
- 3 **Be gracious to me**, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in **steadfast love** to all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
- 7 **In the day of my trouble I call upon you**,
for you answer me.
- 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall **glorify your name**.
- 10 For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
- 11 **Teach me your way, O LORD,**
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.
- 12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will **glorify your name** forever.
- 13 For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- 14 O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
- 15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in **steadfast love** and faithfulness.
- 16 **Turn to me and be gracious to me;**
give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame.

Why study the psalms? That we might have h_____ (Romans 15:4).

Outline (Stages or Plateaus)

Chiastic Structure: Similar verses are mirrored about a central verse or verses.

I. (1-4), (16-17) Our Base Camp/Foundation

- (1) Incline - for God to bend down from heaven . . . poor and needy
- (4) I lift up my soul . . . gladden my heart
- (16 & 3) Be gracious to me
- (17) A sign of your favor
- Recognize the Source of solutions to our biggest challenges is w/ God

II. (5), (15) Our God of Steadfast Love

- God is merciful & gracious
- Our confident hope in answered prayer is founded in knowing who God is

III. (6-7), (14) The Psalmist's Trial or Issue

- David is more focused on who God is than what his trial is

IV. (8-10), (12-13) Our God's Power & Faithfulness

- Past/future performance
- All the nations shall worship you - will acknowledge who are
- There is none like you
- Steadfast love (hesed love)
- Our confident hope in answered prayer is founded in knowing who God is

V. (11) The psalmist Responds

- Psalmist's relationship moves toward God
- Who is present at the summit
- We need to respond to who our God has revealed himself to be
- Walk in your truth (The Truth)
- David's response is to pray for his own faithfulness & growth.
- Real Biblical truth can change the trajectory of your life

How can we grow? We can grow through prayer
3 x 3 x 30 Prayer Challenge/Response

One Last Thing: Romans 8:32 = a sign that fortifies our hope

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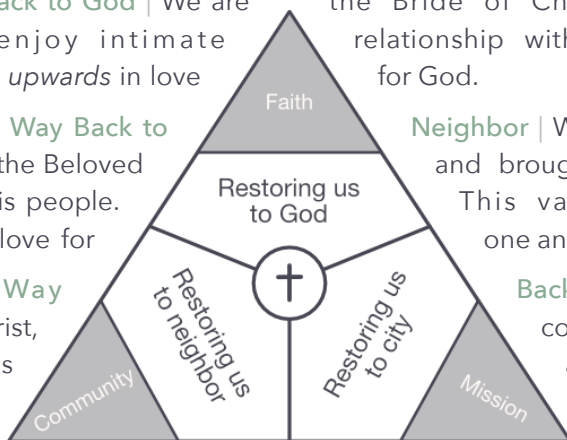
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