

# Family TableTalk

Conversation 47

## It's A Jungle Out There!

read

*Psalm 91*

think

We live in an incredibly challenging and dangerous time in human history. From a world-wide pandemic to racial division to economic melt-down to political upheaval and beyond... these are unprecedented times. Or are they? A careful read though Psalm 91 will help you realize that though the issues may be new, the root challenges are not new. Psalm 91 doesn't mince words as it lays out in specific terms the fearful things we humans are up against as we live life on this little blue ball spinning around a fire ball in the middle of outer space. Traps... nightmares... destruction... lions... serpents... deadly pestilence... trouble... it's all there. Mixed in with those things though - and here's the hope - is an absolute assurance that God is in the fray with you. He is our shelter... refuge... fortress... covering. He guards us... shields us... delivers us... protects us... answers us. He is with us. He is the shadow under which we reside... safe and sound.

Verses 14 & 15 are particularly key as the Lord sums this dance between the dangers of life and the security He brings by reminding us of the fact that we must continue to...

HOLD FAST TO HIM.  
KNOW HIS NAME.  
CALL TO HIM.

HOLDING ONTO... KNOWING... CALLING OUT TO... those are the keys to going deeper with Jesus. How you do those things is best discovered in the daily pursuit of Him. May you discover how best to do that as you spend time with Him in the days ahead.

apply

- Re-read through Psalm 91. Circle all the things the enemy throws your way. Underline all the things God promises to do. Put a box around all the things we need to do/our response.
- As a family, discuss how you have seen all three of these in your family's life. What are the dangers? Where have you seen God at work? How have you/should you respond?

pray

Dear Jesus, I know you are all the things that Psalm 91 says you are. You are our refuge... shelter... fortress... covering. You guard us... shield us... deliver us... protect us... answer us. Please continue to help us as we pursue and hold onto you. We want to know you more. Thank you for all you are and all you promise to be in the days ahead. In Jesus Name... amen.

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