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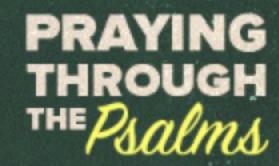
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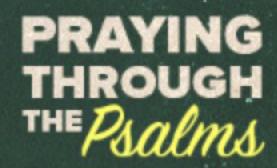
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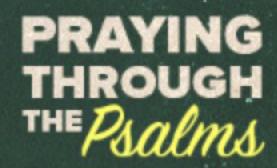
...Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. Ephesians 6:18



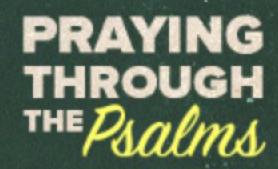
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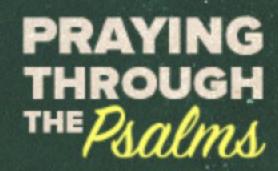
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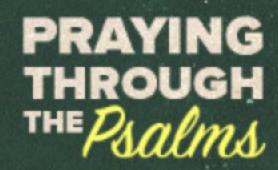
3) Commit: present our lives for God's will.



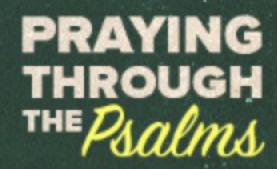
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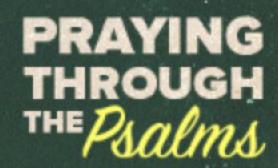
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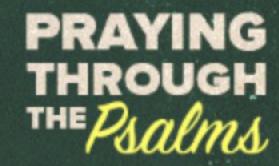
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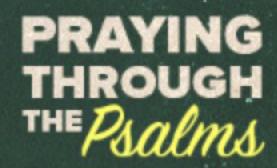
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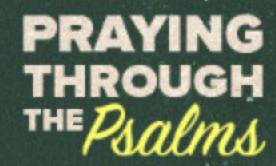
And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28



8) Thanks: express appreciation for God's goodness.



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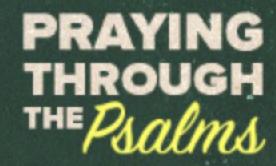
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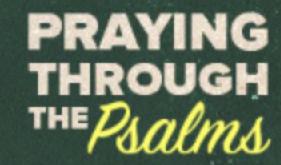
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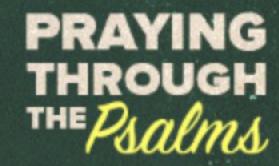
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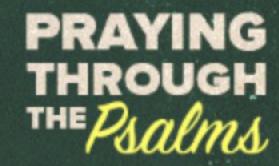
35 He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. 36 And there he lets the hungry dwell,



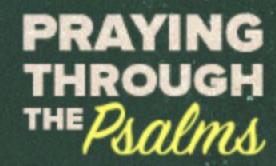
and they establish a city to live in; 37 they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. 38 By his blessing they multiply greatly,



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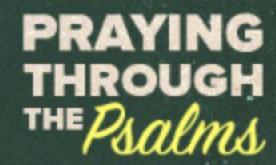
40 he pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes; 41 but he raises up the needy out of affliction



and makes their families like flocks. 42 The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth. 43 Whoever is wise,



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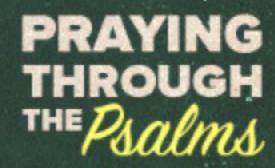
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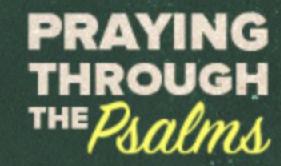
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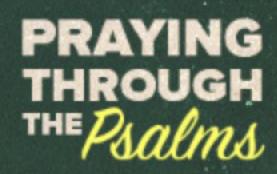
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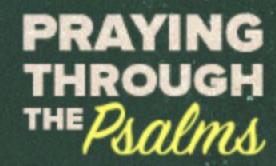
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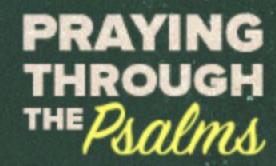


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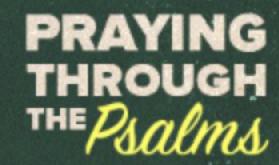
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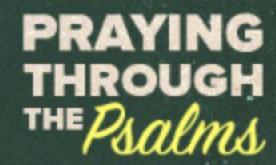
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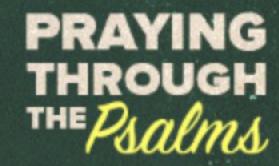
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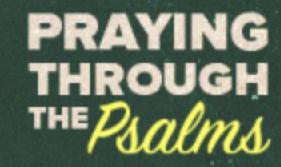
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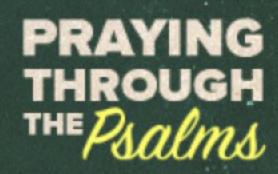
Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, 11 for they had rebelled against the words of God,



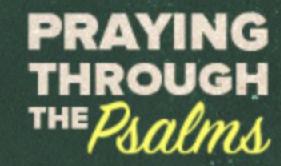
and spurned the counsel of the Most High. 12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help. Psalm 107:10-12



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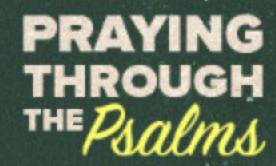


Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. 14 He brought them out of darkness



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Psalm 107:13,14



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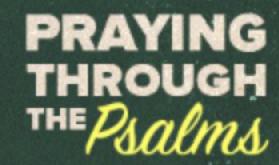
John 8:34



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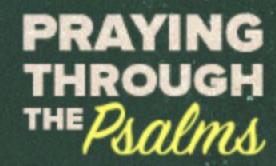
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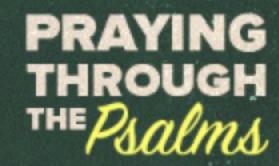
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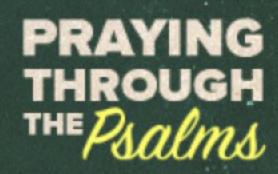
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18 they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Psalm 107:17,18



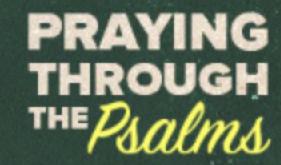
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Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. 20 He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. Psalm 107:19,20

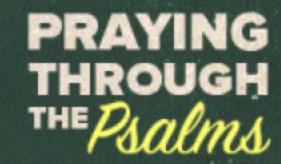


Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.



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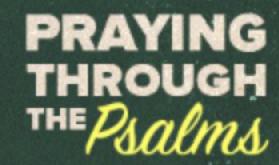
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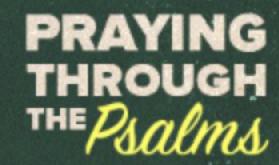
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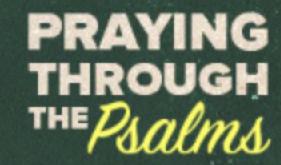
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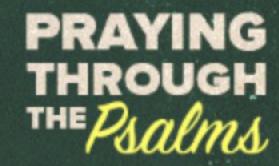
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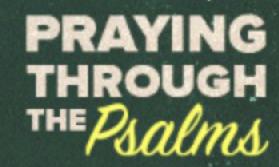
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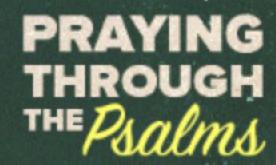
25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. 26 They mounted up to heaven;



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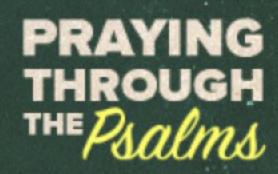
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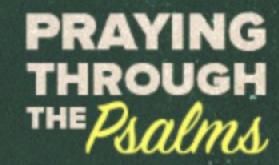
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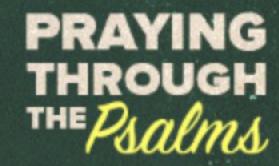


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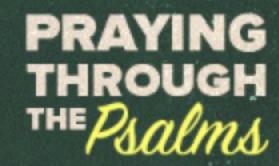


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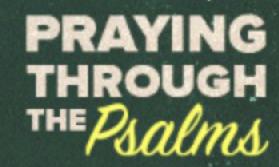
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Thankful response

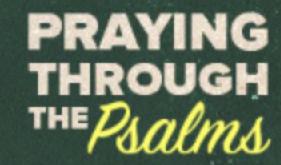


Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! 3



2 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Psalm 107:31,32



1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, 3 those he gathered from the bit lands,

from east and west, from north and south. [a]

4 Some wandered in desert wastelands,

finding no way to a city where they could settle. 5 They were hungry and thirsty,

and their lives ebbed away. chains. 6 Then they cried out to the

Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them

from their distress.

7 He led them by a straight

to a city where they could settle.

8 Let them give thanks to

10 Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness,

prisoners suffering in iron chains,

11 because they rebelled against God's commands

and despised the plans of the Most High.

15 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

16 for he breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of

iron.

17 Some became fools through their rebellious ways

and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. 18 They loathed all food

and drew near the gates

dark estate their of the grant the gra

for mankind.

22 Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works

with songs of joy.

23 Some went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on 26 They mounted up to the . heavens and went down to the depths;

in their peril their courage melted away.

27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were at their wits'

28 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

29 He stilled the storm to a whisper;

the waves of the sea[b] were hushed.

30 They were glad when it grew calm,

and he guided them to their desired haven.

31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

32 Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the