

God's Got This

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Life hands us unexpected moments

- Financial decisions that didn't quite pan out like we planned
- Relationships that were going well but are now strained and uncomfortable
- Health issues that bring great concern and changes to our lives.

We can walk securely and confidently, knowing that God's got this and we can trust Him through these unexpected situations we face.

Psalm 91: 1-2 "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High, will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

- **"He who dwells"** the author directs this Psalm to anyone who chooses to seek after wisdom and make the pursuit of living for God their highest good in life
- **"Shelter", "rest in the shadow" are metaphorical word pictures of baby birds finding safety under their parent bird. --- protection from harm**
- **"refuge and fortress" – word pictures of a stronghold where they are given support and find protection**

Why is this important to us?

When we face the unexpected

- His Presence is a place where we find protection, rest and support.
- He doesn't leave us to handle these situations on our own.

We often take the position of "I've got this!"

- We're hesitant to share our struggles with others
- We are a self-sufficient society.
- When the unexpected come, we often take it as another object to juggle when in reality it has the potential to do us in.

In our lives we often say, "I've Got This" but God says to us, "I've got this"

When we dwell in His Presence, we can walk securely knowing "God's Got This"

How do we live under *the umbrella* of His Presence

- **Keep near the Presence of God –**
 - a. acknowledge our need for Him,
 - b. read His Word
 - c. keep our ears open to His voice
 - d. **His presence helps us get through the day in much better shape than doing it alone**
- **Expect the Promises of God –** having faith and believing God for these things
 - **Expect His grace will be sufficient for you** (2 Cor. 12:9)
 - **Expect He will never leave you nor forsake you** (Heb. 13:5)
 - **Expect He is working all things together for our good and His glory** (Rom 8:28)
 - **Expect that although a weapon has been forged against you, it will not prosper** (Isaiah 54:17)

- **Expect to be more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus who strengthens you** (Rom 8:37)
- **Expect that Greater is He that is in you than He who is in the world** (1 John 4:4)
- **Expect that our God is for us** (Romans 8:31)
- **Expect God to be our very present help in time of need** (Ps 46:1)
- **Expect God to care for us** (1 Peter 5:7)
 - *Excerpt from "Unexpected" by Christine Caine*

We need to believe and live in expectance that "God's Got This"

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In this life of the unexpected moments, anxieties and worries that are thrown at us I challenge you to *NOT* take the position of "I've Got This" but come near His Presence, dwell in the shelter of the Most High and believe Him when He says, "I've Got This!"

--- God's Got This!