

WHERE DO WE RUN?

-Ryan Parsons-

As I was studying this week, my attention was drawn to a drawing in my Bible. It is not uncommon for me to draw pictures to help me remember themes or powerful passages in the wisdom and poetry of the Bible. If you haven't ever tried it, I highly recommend it. The practice can help you find and recall the scriptures in a not-so-common way that allows the Word to stick with you.

The drawing was of a medieval-looking tower, and it sat next to:

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Have you ever thought about the importance of towers in the history of civilization? Throughout the ages and in different locations throughout the world, we find towers. Why? Because towers are important!

1. A tower offers a tactical advantage. Some call it the "high ground." From the top of a tower, one can gain a view and perspective that provides a sober reality and the opportunity to respond in wise and informed ways.
2. The perspective from a tower helps one see trouble a long way off. This is useful to assess for threats and strategize before a threat is right on top of you. This has proven necessary to survival countless times.
3. Returning to warfare, a tower provides an inaccessible place for an enemy to reach you. This bolsters confidence and also positions a fighter in a great place to return fire.
4. Finally, a strong tower is a fortified position that is designed to withstand an enemy's attempt to defeat. Like the three little pigs, the tower is akin to the house made of bricks that stands firm against the enemy.

Hardships, trials, temptations, attacks, and all sorts of other difficulties have come OR are going to come. So the question is, where do we run?

Psalm 18:2

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Praise God that we always have a place to run to!

Keep Studying,
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