# What is God doing?

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"For this, O LORD, I will praise you among the nations; I will sing praises to your name."

- Psalm 18:49

## 7 Things God is doing in a Crisis.

### 1. God is <u>STRENGTHENING</u> you.

Psalm 18 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> I love you, LORD; you are my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. <sup>3</sup> I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies.

Your BREAKTHROUGH moments rarely happen in a season of <u>COMFORT</u>.

### 2. God is <u>RESCUING</u> you.

Psalm 18 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> He reached down from heaven and rescued me; he drew me out of deep waters. <sup>17</sup> He rescued me from my powerful enemies, from those who hated me and were too strong for me. <sup>18</sup> They attacked me at a moment when I was in distress, but the LORD supported me. <sup>19</sup> He led me to a place of safety; he rescued me because he delights in me.

You'll never experience the RESCUING hand of God - if you don't ever need a <u>RESCUE</u>.

### 3. God is **REWARDING** you.

#### Psalm 18 (NLT)

<sup>20</sup> The LORD rewarded me for doing right; he restored me because of my innocence. <sup>21</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not turned from my God to follow evil. <sup>22</sup> I have followed all his regulations; I have never abandoned his decrees. <sup>23</sup> I am blameless before God; I have kept myself from sin. <sup>24</sup> The LORD rewarded me for doing right. He has seen my innocence.

The HARDER the test - the BIGGER the reward.

### 4. God is **REMINDING** you.

#### Psalm 18 (NLT)

<sup>25</sup> To the faithful you show yourself faithful; to those with integrity you show integrity. <sup>26</sup> To the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd. <sup>27</sup> You rescue the humble, but you humiliate the proud. <sup>28</sup> You light a lamp for me. The LORD, my God, lights up my darkness. <sup>29</sup> In your strength I can crush an army; with my God I can scale any wall.

"God whispers in our PLEASURE and shouts to us in our <u>PAIN</u>." - C.S. Lewis

### 5. God is **HOLDING** you.

#### Psalm 18 (NLT)

<sup>30</sup> God's way is perfect. All the LORD's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection. <sup>31</sup> For who is God except the LORD? Who but our God is a solid rock? <sup>32</sup> God arms me with strength, and he makes my way perfect. <sup>33</sup> He makes me as surefooted as a deer, enabling me to stand on mountain heights.

<sup>34</sup> He trains my hands for battle; he strengthens my arm to draw a bronze bow. <sup>35</sup> You have given me your shield of victory. Your right hand supports me; your help has made me great. <sup>36</sup> You have made a wide path for my feet to keep them from slipping.

You don't need God's help to stay in the <u>VALLEY</u> but you need his hand to climb the <u>MOUNTAIN</u>.

### 6. God is **FIGHTING FOR** you.

#### Psalm 18 (NLT)

The LORD lives! Praise to my Rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted! <sup>47</sup> He is the God who pays back those who harm me; he subdues the nations under me <sup>48</sup> and rescues me from my enemies. You hold me safe beyond the reach of my enemies; you save me from violent opponents.

The greatest TESTIMONY of a christian is how he handles his <u>TRIALS</u> and his <u>ENEMIES</u>.

### 7. God is FREEING you.

#### Psalm 18 (NLT)

<sup>49</sup> For this, O LORD, I will praise you among the nations; I will sing praises to your name. <sup>50</sup> You give great victories to your king; you show unfailing love to your anointed, to David and all his descendants forever.

When it's all said and done you'll have a <u>SONG</u> to sing and a <u>STORY</u> to tell.