

Sermon: The Spirit of Adventure part 3- Reorienting in Prayer
Text: Psalms 84 (vs 8-9)
Date: Sunday January 16, 2022

Scripture reading: Ps. 84

Today: reorienting in prayer

- ⁸ *O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah*
⁹ *Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!*

Reorient ourselves within the realities of God's character.

Reorienting within the reality: *Lord God of Hosts* (vs 8)

Ephesians 6:10–12 (ESV)

¹⁰ *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.* ¹¹ *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.* ¹² *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

While we may not have a problem believing that God “can,” we may have significant problems believing that He “will.”

Reorienting within the reality: *God of Jacob* (vs 9)

And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O Lord who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’ I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps. Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children. But you said, ‘I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.’” Genesis 32:9-12

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, (plural) that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you (singular) that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren.” And he said, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.” He said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you three times deny that you know me.” Luke 22:31-34

Grace:

Reorient ourselves within the realities of God's character.

Isaiah 66:2

*“All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be,
declares the Lord.
But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word.*

Closing thoughts: