



**The Lord's 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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**Psalm Prayer**

This is a Picture of .....





# “Ozzie C” on Uncertainty

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Certainty is the mark of the commonsense life— gracious uncertainty is the mark of the spiritual life. To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, not knowing what tomorrow may bring. This is generally expressed with a sigh of sadness, but it should be an expression of breathless expectation. We are uncertain of the next step, but **we are certain of God.**



## 2 Cor. 12 - Give Me a Break!

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... to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to [b]torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! <sup>8</sup> Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. <sup>9</sup> And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”



# Wait, WHAT?!?

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**Most gladly,** therefore, I will rather boast [c]about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with [d]insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.



# Glad and Glorious Weakness

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- Paul at once entered upon a new stage in his relation to the trial: instead of simply enduring it, he most gladly gloried in it; instead of asking for deliverance, he took pleasure in it. He had learned that the place of humiliation is the place of blessing, of power, of joy. (Murray on 2 Cor. 12: 9-10)
- How do you go from Here .... To THERE???



# Two Sides of the Trust Coin

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- Psalm 23
- The Lord's Prayer
- Beautiful pictures of a relationship of trust, rest, hope between you and the Savior who loves YOU with His entire being
- But, did you ever notice how well they fit together?



# The Lord's 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm Prayer

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Our heavenly Father, holy, holy, holy is Your name. You LORD are my Shepherd. Your Kingdom come and Your Will be done on earth and in me as it is in heaven. Then I shall not want this day because You make me to lie down in green pastures by the peaceful waters where my daily life's bread restores my soul. In Your name guide me on the path of righteousness, that my sins are forgiven even as I learn to forgive others for their debts against me. Keep me from temptations and evil as I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will not fear for You are with me. Your rod and Your staff comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. There You have anointed my head with oil and my cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in Your house forever, for Yours is the KINGDOM and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.





# Eternal Life Is ...

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■ John 17:3, 20

- <sup>3</sup> This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ... <sup>20</sup> “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may [*f*]believe that You sent Me.



# Universal Application

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- What challenges/burdens/issues in your life right now aren't covered by The Lord's 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm Prayer?
- Guidance, provision, peace, rest, deliverance from fear, protection from evil, forgiveness and forgiving, anointing, goodness and mercy, total dependence/trust upon Him so He can work His Will in your life and draw you deeper into His Kingdom



# Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

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- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY