

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

"I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." (Psalm 18: 1-2)

David wrote this Psalm when God delivered him from all his enemies, including King Saul, who had become jealous of David and thus was seeking to kill him. David's life knew lots of ups and downs. David knew God's love and faithfulness as he took on Goliath. David knew God's blessings as King Saul invited him into his royal palace to be part of his royal court. David knew his world falling apart, when suddenly his King was seeking his life. Through it all, David looked to the Lord to be the foundation of his life, shelter from those who sought to do him harm. Like David, our lives are filled with ups and downs. Most of the time as we go about our daily lives, we feel some control over our lives. We work hard and receive the fruit of our labor. We love our family and friends and receive love in return. But then some force we didn't expect, like shortage of supplies may lead to a lay off of your job, a slip on the ice and you could break a bone, death could steal a loved one. Then the foundations of our life that we have built are suddenly swept away. When we are falling and looking for some foundation, some shelter, David points us to the Lord. The Lord's love for you is always solid. The Lord's love for you is sure. You can count on the Lord to be your rock and your salvation.