

Pastor Randy's short devotion for Tuesday, March 14th:

"The Lord is on my side as my helper. ... It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes." (Psalm 118:7-9)

As I think of this verse I am reminded of Jesus' declaration of being our Good Shepherd. Jesus differentiates between a hired hand and the good shepherd. The hired hand doesn't care for the sheep and so when the wolf comes, the hired hand runs off. Jesus declares he is the Good Shepherd, he knows his sheep and lays down his life for the sheep. This Psalm declares the same sentiment. If we take refuge from the forces of this world in a person, the person may be there for awhile, maybe even many times. But perhaps one day they are too busy, or they are too weary or the price to stand beside you costs them too much and they walk away. If we put our trusts in government leaders to be our refuge, they too can walk away. They may be there for you with good intentions, but then to get a bill passed, compromises must be made and you get lost in the compromise for the greater good. But the Lord knows you. The Lord not only knows you, but is invested in your well being, for you are his beloved child. The Lord doesn't have to be persuaded to care for you. The Lord is never too busy. The Lord never runs out of resources. The Lord never plays politics and you are never lost from the Lord's focus or Love.