



Title | When Surrounded by Bad Bees
Series | Putting a Song in Your Heart
Text | Psalm 118:5-13
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Sermon Notes

Psalm 118:

- 5 Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
- 6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?
- 7 The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
- 10 All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 11 They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 12 They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the LORD helped me.

Big Idea:

Psalm 118:8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Psalm 118:5-13. Identify the parts of the text that indicate what difficulties the psalmist is facing and how he feels about them. To what extent can you relate?

Tuesday:

Reread Psalm 118:5-13. Identify the parts of the text that describe the psalmist's Godward response to the difficulties faced. To what extent does this describe your typical response to difficulties?

Wednesday:

Read Psalm 118:5-13 again. Identify the parts of the text that describe the Lord's response to the psalmist, including what the Lord enables the psalmist to do. How do you feel about the Lord's response?

Thursday:

In Psalm 118:5-13, what does it mean to call upon the Lord? What does it mean to take refuge in the Lord? Specifically, how can you do these things?

Friday:

Based on the example of the psalmist in Psalm 118:5-13, what would you say is a key to facing difficulties well? How can you apply it to your life?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, when the bees of adversity surround me, help me to call on and take refuge in you. Thank you that, in response, you answer, come alongside, liberate, embolden, and empower me. Amen.