

## Prayer Focus

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**2 Samuel 22:40 (ESV)** For you equipped me with strength for the battle; you made those who rise against me sink under me. **See also 2 Timothy 2:1-4 and Galatians 5:6.**

*May we give thanks for the strength God gave us this past year and ask for a strong faith to fight the spiritual battles that come against us.*

## Upcoming Events

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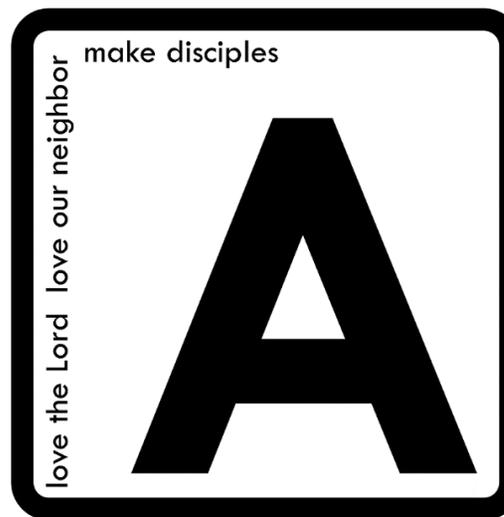
- **Gospel Community Groups:** We want to encourage you to join a small group to grow in community with the family of faith at Agape. We have groups that are meeting again, throughout the month, in a variety of places. For more information see one of the pastors or email [GC@agapepinson.com](mailto:GC@agapepinson.com)
- Wed January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm - **RELY Prayer and Worship Service**  
Join us as we come together to seek the LORD through scripture reading, prayer, and song.

## BuildingUp Podcast

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**Latest Episode (#43):** How do we battle through apathy in our Christian walk? - Part 2 from Psalm 1:1-2



## Worship Service Guide January 3, 2021

### A Reading From

Mark 8 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup>And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

<sup>16</sup>And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup>Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?"

<sup>19</sup>When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup>"And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven".

<sup>21</sup>And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"



### Life in Christ #13 - Testing for our Good

Psalm 11 (CSB) || David McConnell

<sup>1</sup>I have taken refuge in the LORD. How can you say to me, “Escape to the mountains like a bird! <sup>2</sup>For look, the wicked string bows; they put their arrows on bowstrings to shoot from the shadows at the upright in heart. <sup>3</sup>When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

<sup>4</sup>The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD—his throne is in heaven. His eyes watch; his gaze examines everyone. <sup>5</sup>The Lord [**tests**] the righteous, but he hates the wicked and those who love violence. <sup>6</sup>Let him rain burning coals and sulfur on the wicked; let a scorching wind be the portion in their cup. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds. The upright will see his face.

**Other passages to reference:** *1 Peter 1:5-9, James 1:2-4, Job 23:8-13*

**Life-Truth:** God \_\_\_\_\_ His people. In the Bible the word **test** often means to *prove the true nature of an object* or to *refine* it. Trials are opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_ if we will seek to \_\_\_\_\_ and obey God.

**As we worship in God’s word, write your personal notes on this text:**

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### **Holy Spirit**

There's nothing worth more that will ever come  
close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is  
undone  
In Your Presence Lord

### **Chorus**

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

### **Bridge**

Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness  
(Lord)

### **Defender (#1)**

You go before I know  
That You've even gone to win my war  
You come back with the head of my enemy  
You come back and You call it my victory

You go before I know  
That You've even gone to win my war  
Your love becomes my greatest defense  
It leads me from the dry wilderness

### **Pre-Chorus**

All I did was praise  
All I did was worship  
All I did was bow down  
All I did was stay still

### **Chorus**

Hallelujah You have saved me  
So much better Your (this) way  
Hallelujah great Defender  
So much better Your (this) way

You know before I do  
Where my heart can seek to find Your truth  
Your mercy is the shade I'm living in  
You restore my faith and hope again

### **Bridge**

When I thought I lost me  
You knew where I left me  
You reintroduced me to Your love  
You picked up all my pieces  
Put me back together  
You are the defender of my heart

### **Defender (#2)**

A torrent of destruction hid  
My darkened soul from rescuing  
I cried to God for help He heard my voice  
The tainted earth it rocked and reeled,  
The heavens bowed the mountains kneeled  
The thunderous voice of God my covering

### **Pre-Chorus**

I will not be afraid  
For my hope is in His name

### **Chorus**

Who is a rock but our God  
Who's blood has sealed our freedom  
Jesus our savior defender redeemer

He brought me to a safer place  
Equipped my hands and feet with strength  
So I advance with confidence in Christ  
His precious truth delivers me  
From lies that wage a war in me  
Your victory is mine for all my days

### **Bridge**

You kneel down to raise me up  
You my Lord you my God  
You rescue me with reckless love  
Oh my Lord oh my God