

Poynings Crescent Housegroup

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Song : I STAND ON A ROCK (Susie Hare)

1. I STAND ON A ROCK THAT IS SECURE, THAT WON'T BE SHAKEN,  
for you are a faithful God.  
I stand on a promise that is sure, that won't be broken,  
for you are a faithful God.  
You're my refuge, strong deliverer, great are the things you've done.  
You're the mighty, all-sustaining, all-sufficient one.

*Yesterday, today, for ever,  
you can be relied upon.  
You will always be my treasure,  
this will always be my song.*

2. I walk on a path that is made straight by you before me,  
for you are a faithful God.  
I walk in a power that keeps firm my feet beneath me,  
for you are a faithful God.  
You're my guardian, never sleeping, watching me night and day.  
You're unchanging, you're unfailing, good in every way.

*Yesterday, today, for ever, ...*

3. I live by a grace that set me free from condemnation,  
for you are a faithful God.  
I live by a love that won for me a free salvation,  
for you are a faithful God.  
You're the joy that lifts my sadness,  
faithful in all you do.  
You're the strength that fills my weakness,  
I depend on you.

*Yesterday, today, for ever...*

Reading: Romans 8 31-39 – Nothing Can Separate us from the Love of God

31. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?
32. He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
33. Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.
34. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.
35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?
36. As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."
37. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
38. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,
39. neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 13-18 – God will Bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him

13. Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.
14. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.
15. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.
16. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever.
18. Therefore encourage one another with these words

Reading: James 5 13-16 – The Power of Prayer

13. Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.
14. Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.
15. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.
16. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Prayer Outline

- Prayers following the passing of Katrina
- Prayers of thanks for God's goodness in the past year
- Prayers for our current needs