

## Communion Meditation – Psalm 32

Psalm 32.7

“Hiding Place”

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### vs 7a ~ “You are my hiding place”

- David began the psalm speaking only to us
- But in **v4** he also started talking to God
- In **v6** he addresses God but states that people are to pray . . . So he prays . . .
  - In the **7<sup>th</sup> verse** he turns all attention to God alone
  - Read **vss 1-7** ~ By degree he entered more and more into God’s presence
- “Why do people hide?” / “What do people hide from?”
- III: “The Hiding Place” (*story of the ten Boom family – pub 1971*)

### vs 7b ~ “You shall preserve me from trouble”

- “When is someone defeated?” ~ not in game of sports / but in “life”
  - When they give up / when they accept defeat and stop trying
- David had faith that God would preserve him from trouble
  - David’s faith was in God / It looked past his circumstances
  - God brought David through a “lot” of troubles . . .
- III: Corrie ten Boom suffered paralysis most of her last 5 years (1978 – 83)
  - Though she struggled with why God did this ~ she overcame self-pity

### vs 7c ~ “You shall surround me with songs of deliverance”

- There are 3 thoughts in **v7** ~ hiding place, preservation and joy
- These thoughts are all expanded upon in **Ps 27.4-6 – Read**
- **Verse 4** starts with the words, “One thing I have desired . . .”
  - Can your “wish list” be collapsed down to 1 thing?
- **Verse 6** “my head shall be lifted up” ~ (in honor)
  - Which leads to him offering “sacrifices of joy”

God led David through many earthly struggles

God led Corrie ten Boom through many earthly struggles

She visited communist Lithuania ~ met a woman with body ravaged by MS

But with one finger she translated Bible into Russian, Latvian, Lithuanian

These stories aren’t meant to minimize your struggles

They are simply meant to help you put them into perspective