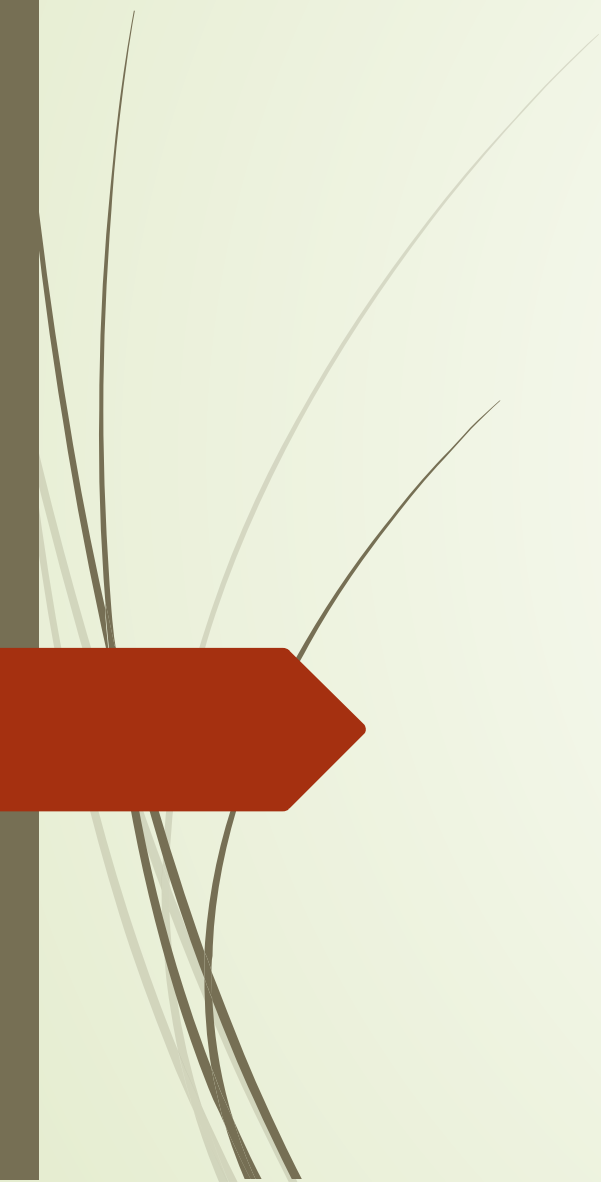



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Psalm 31




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1. Some
Problems are
of Our Own
Making

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- ➡ Christians are not without sin
 - ➡ We are guilty but acquitted by God

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➡ Psalm 31:10

“My life is consumed by
anguish
and my years by
groaning;
my strength fails because
of my **affliction, [a]** and my
bones grow weak.”

“my strength fails because
of my **guilt**”


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- *. “No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.” 1 John 3:6.*
- It is only the grace of God that makes us different to those outside of Christ.

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- We must look on the world that Jesus Christ came to save through His eyes
- We should be angry about sin, but we must see God's will is **for the salvation of the sinner.** If we love Jesus, then we must be obedient to His command to love sinners as He does.

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- ➡ *“I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” Luke 15:7.*
 - ➡ There is no sin that cannot be forgiven except blaspheming the Holy Spirit

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- ➡ We need to be more loving to, and tolerant of fellow believers who fall into sin.
- ➡ More time in prayer.
- ➡ More time telling others of their need and how much God loves them.

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2. We can
trust God
to be God

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➡ *“But I trust in you, LORD; I say, “You are my God.” My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands of my enemies from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. Let me not be put to shame, LORD, for I have cried out to you;”*


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- ➡ King David found out, over and over again, that when everything looked impossible, and the world around him was falling apart, he had Someone he could trust to put things right
 - ➡ Jesus wants us to have that child-like faith.

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- ➡ With the Holy Spirit living within me to guide, I can know He is in control no matter how much I mess things up
 - ➡ Sometimes He actually leads me to a difficult situation, and I can be sure He is in control.

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- David understood the unfailing love of God.
 - He knew the nature of our God.
 - Love is the name of our God!

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3. In a city
under siege.


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- vv 21-23 *“Praise be to the LORD for he showed me the wonders of his love when I was in a city under siege. In my alarm I said, “I am cut off from your sight!” Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help. Love the Lord all His faithful people!”*

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- A city under siege is what our faith looks like today,
 - Remember it is under siege, not overrun! It is a strong city -the enemy is actually defeated!
 - We have Jesus Christ as our leader. “What can separate us from the love of Christ?”

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- ➡ *“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.” v24*
 - ➡ ***Have a safe and Happy New Year***