

MESSAGE NOTES

APRIL 17, 2022

AN EASTER PRAYER

PSALM 16; ACTS 2:31

INTRODUCTION

BIG IDEA: When God is our refuge, we won't be shaken—even by death.

OVERVIEW

- Psalm 16
- David begins in desperation—"keep me safe O God"—and ends with the confident hope of eternity in God's presence, where there is fullness of joy and pleasures forever.

THE QUESTION: How does a person get that kind of confidence in the face of death?

1. It starts with a humble prayer—keep me safe, my God.
2. It requires wholehearted trust.

What does it mean or look like to trust in God as our refuge?

- To trust God means placing ourselves under His loving leadership.
- To trust God means believing He is good and the source of all that is good.
- To trust God means growing our faith together with God's holy people.
- To trust God means God is our everything—the goal and the prize.
- To trust God means we listen to God for His wisdom and instruction.
- To trust in God means we keep our focus "always on the Lord" (verse 8).

Why would he hope for that, on what basis? (Acts 2:22-33)

BRINGING IT HOME

Psalm 16 raises several questions:

1. Where is my trust?
2. Who is in charge of my life?
3. Am I content?
4. Who has my ear?
5. Do I really know where I'm going?
6. Do you have resurrection hope, or is it a bunch of sentimental, wishful thinking?
7. Are you on the path of life? What would my family and friends say?
8. Have you placed your faith in Jesus alone?

PRAYER

Jesus, I'm taking refuge in you. I know I have sinned and chased after all kinds of gods. Forgive me for all I've done and left undone. Thank you for loving me, dying for me and for living with me now. Give me your joy and strength to love God and my neighbor as I surrender my life to you. Amen.

I SAID YES

If you said yes to Jesus this Easter, be sure to let us know so we can provide you with resources to help you grow as a new follower of Jesus. **Text "isaidyes" to 608.292.3456.**