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Daily Words of Encouragement

FROM YOUR TNAZ PASTORAL LEADERS

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 Dustin McLemore, Worship Pastor

You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day; (Psalm 91:5, NASB)

Psalm 91:5 confronts the dualities of fear—nocturnal and diurnal—asserting God's encompassing protection. In an academic sense, this verse juxtaposes the abstract fears of darkness with the tangible threats of daylight, suggesting a divine shield against both. The Christological perspective introduces Jesus as the embodiment of this protection and the light that dispels darkness, offering a refuge and a path forward for believers. The terrors of night or dread of arrow slung freezes many in place, offering only dread and no path of escape. But then, there stands Jesus. In stark opposition to whatever terror which hell, death and the enemy may levy against His people, Christ offers a shelter in the time of storm; as the hymn we often sing reminds us.

Friends, I relay a simple message to those who feel paralyzed – fear not. If you wear Jesus' name as your banner, you are impervious to even the worst arrows or fear. Though temporally we may be cut down, as believers, our souls have inherited the kingdom of God, and we have an advocate before the Father.

In joy, Pastor Dustin