

God

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2 Samuel 22:1-20

David knew real fear. He had been hunted like a wounded animal. He had cowered in darkness wanting to gasp for air, but fearful that his next breath might give him away. His heart pounded so loudly in his ears that he feared he would not hear his enemy's footsteps. His heart cried out for deliverance—real, fire-breathing, sky-splitting, thunder-and-lightning deliverance. This was a matter of life and death.

"I knew I was a sinner," he testified. "I wanted to run away and never look back. I gripped the pew in front of me so tightly that my knuckles turned white. I shook and cried. I couldn't stop. I heard a voice from deep within saying, 'Come! Come now!' 'Where?' I cried. 'To Me!' He replied. 'The God who delivers met David at an altar of prayer.'"

Do all people encounter God in this way? No. Yet, for those who cry out in deep conviction, who realize that they will be lost unless God forgives them, cleanses them, and gives them new life, He still comes.

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