

Small group optional guide: God's Playlist – Psalm 91

UP; we grow in our love for Jesus through His word and worship

WORD: Psalm 91: Vulnerable Yet Invincible?

1. The Assurance of God's Protection

- **Imagining Moses' Faith:** Jewish tradition suggests Moses may have recited Psalm 91 during vulnerable moments with God, seeking refuge in His presence.
- **Three-Way Conversation:** Picture Moses urging us to trust in God, sharing his experiences, and finally, God confirming His promises of protection.

2. Psalm 91 and the Reality of Suffering

- **Not a Promise of an Easy Life:** While Psalm 91 speaks of protection, it doesn't mean life will be free from pain or challenges.
- **Temptation and Testing:** Satan misinterpreted Psalm 91 to tempt Jesus, trying to make Him avoid the cross by claiming God's promise of protection.

3. Trusting God Amid Hardship

- **Hope Beyond This Life:** True protection is eternal. God's promises mean that no suffering here can separate us from His love and ultimate deliverance (Romans 8:35-39).
- **Example of Jim Elliot:** The missionary's life illustrates Psalm 91's theme. Even in sacrifice, he trusted God's "shadow of the Almighty" as true safety.

4. Biblical Examples of God's Hidden Protection

- **Joseph's Story:** What others intended for harm, God used for good, positioning Joseph to save lives during a famine (Genesis 50:20).
- **The Protective Wings of God:** Like a mother hen, God takes upon Himself the suffering and vulnerability, shielding His children.

5. A Heart Check for Believers

- **Our True Dwelling Place:** Only God offers unshakable security. Moses urges us to treasure our place in God's presence above anything else in life.

Conclusion: Psalm 91 teaches us that though following God may feel vulnerable, we are ultimately invincible in His care. Let us dwell in His shelter, trusting Him to make us secure, even in our most fragile moments.

Questions to choose from:

- 1) What does it mean to "dwell in the shelter of the Most High," and how can we actively seek to make God our ultimate refuge in everyday life? (Are there specific areas where you find it challenging to trust God fully for protection and security?)
- 2) In what ways might we, like Joseph or Jim Elliot, need to redefine what "safety" or "protection" looks like in our walk with God? (Can you think of a time when a difficult experience ultimately strengthened your faith or brought about good?)
- 3) How do we respond when life feels vulnerable, and God's protection seems unclear? What can Psalm 91 teach us about holding onto faith in those moments? (How can we support one another in trusting God during seasons of hardship or suffering?)

WORSHIP: This Is Amazing Grace / Love Came Down / Holy Forever / A Thousand Hallelujahs / All Hail King Jesus

OUT; we reach out to show people outside of JCC that God loves them What are we getting involved in as a group this term: the Big Reveal 23rd Nov? Our Christmas in a Box initiative, bringing our recorded Christmas carol service to care homes in our communities? (Ask your small group leaders for details)

A night on Singleness

For the first time we are hosting an evening that focuses on singleness.

We will worship, eat treats and welcome an amazing guest speaker;
Linda Geevanathan

Linda will share her story, struggles and how her life and capacity focuses on pleasing Jesus

Saturday 30th Nov 8pm - 930pm @JCC

This evening is for anyone who is not married, in any stage of singleness as an adult. If you have never been married, if you are divorced, widow or widower, please come and hear God's best and truth for your life.

We have the privilege of welcoming Linda Geevanathan, a leader in Hope Church Luton, to share her story and faith.

Linda' comes to Jubilee with considerable leadership and prophetic gifting and is recognised in the Catalyst body of churches as someone who has oversight and experience to support various leaders in her church - we are very blessed to have her!

- Linda will share how her life and capacity focuses on pleasing the Lord, and not on pleasing a partner, or raising children; all to the glory of God.
- The aim of the evening is to encourage anyone who is not married, by testimony and scripture how someone, who has experienced the same struggles, and may share the same unfulfilled longings of marriage and children, has done more in their calling because of their singleness.

I hope this evening would encourage, inspire and bless anyone who is single; regardless of adult age and stage. Please book via the JCC website, Featured events: <https://icceg.churchsuite.com/events/t1xc2wxn>

IN: Here 2 evenings for the whole church to invest in yourselves and marriages...you can only sign up for 1 though! 2 Saturday nights, 30/11 and 7/12

Marriage date night

Saturday 7th December
from the comfort of your own home

Receive a date night pack
Invest in your marriage

(Sign up by Wednesday 4th Dec to get a pack)

The Marriage date night is an evening that a married couple will be participate in from your own home (no need for baby sitters!).

There will be a pack available for you to collect from JCC that will contain some treats, questions and conversation starters that will help bless and encourage your marriage.

So perhaps plan a takeaway or special meal and make an effort, as across the church, couples welcome God in to bless what He has brought together.

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