

WALKING AND TRUSTING

Scripture: Psalm 31:9-16

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As I read and re-read this passage in Psalms, I began to think of the Palestinians we met while on the Walking with Jesus Tour. Our guide, Joseph, and the bus driver, Robert, are both Palestinian Christians. As we traveled, they taught us the history of the area and where Jesus Walked, but we also learned of the Palestinian people.

Much like the writer of this Psalm the Palestinian people have endured gossip, sufferings, suppression and false hoods that continue today. Yet they still have trust in the Lord that one day their suffering and suppression will end. Psalm 31, *"But me? I trust you, Lord! I affirm, "You are my God." My future is in your hands."*

I can relate to the Psalms writer and even the Palestinians, as I have suffered from being told I that I would fail or that I didn't belong in a particular high school class. That I would not be accepted into a school, since it was felt my desire for that school and profession was not real. All of these affected me by producing doubt in the direction that I felt I was being led. But I had to trust in God that he had a plan for me. Psalm 31, *"My future is in your hands. Don't hand me over to my enemies, to all who are out to get me!"*

Since first being told in high school not to take a class and not being accepted to a school, I have attended and graduated from three different professional schools in my 51 years since high school. Because I trusted in the Lord, allowing the plan that had been laid out for me by God.

It may be difficult to not be heard or accepted at the time but trust in God he has a plan!

Prayer: My father in heaven there are times in my life that may be hard for me to accept but I trust that you are with me and will lift me up. Psalm 31, ¹⁶ Shine your face on your servant; save me by your faithful love! Amen.

Grace and Peace,

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