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THE BEST DEFENSE IS GREAT FAITH!

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 33:1-22

key theme: This psalm is a song of praise and thanksgiving that leads us to remember that our ultimate hope is in God. The Psalmist gives us ways to build our faith and trust in God.

- 1) While God values preparation, our safety and hope cannot be in anything temporal. Our ultimate hope has to be in Him.
 - a. The best defense is not the size of an army, natural strength and endurance, nor the greatest technology or things. The best defense is YOUR abiding faith and hope in God.
- 2) The Psalmist begins the Psalm with a call to worship in order to re-orient us to the grandeur of God in the midst of all of life's circumstances.
- 3) As we re-orient ourselves to God, we have to constantly build our faith in God's ability to take us through the battles of life and ultimately win the war.
- 4) How can we build our faith and trust in God?
 - a. By learning how to continually praise and worship God for his Word and works. [Ps. 32:10 – 33:3]
 - b. By remembering God's Word and His faithfulness to seeing his Word come to pass. [Ps 33:4-5]
 - c. By standing in awe of God's greatness and splendor. [Ps. 33:6-12]
 - d. By entrusting our lives into God's hands on a daily basis. [Ps 33:13-17]
 - e. By keeping our focus on God. [Ps 33:18-19]
- 5) When you put your faith in God for the victory, you can boldly proclaim your assurance of his deliverance. [Romans 8:35-39] [Psalms 33:20-22]
 - 20 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.*
 - 21 In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.*
 - 22 May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.*

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