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- 3 If you could design your own "shield of protection," what would it look like and why?
- 4 Can you think of a time when you felt God's presence most strongly in a complex or uncertain season?
- 5 When you think about God's promise of salvation, what one word best describes how that makes you feel?

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- 2 What does it mean for you personally to “dwell in the shelter of the Most High” or to “abide in Christ”?
- 3 The **Text** lists many dangers: traps, pestilence, fear, attack, destruction, yet it promises God’s protection. Which of these dangers feel most real to you today, and how does God’s Word help you face it?
- 4 Ultimate safety isn’t the absence of danger but the presence of God through Christ. How does knowing that eternal safety is secure in Jesus change the way you live through today’s challenges?

BEYOND THE TEXT

- 1 How can we live in such a way that others, family, friends, or neighbors find that same peace and safety in God’s presence through us?
- 2 What practices or rhythms help you remain close to God in daily life, especially when “storms” come?
- 3 How does trusting in eternal security through Jesus shape the way you respond to fear, suffering, or uncertainty in your everyday faith journey?

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