

## Sermon Outline - April 5, 2020



Text: Psalm 46

Title: “When God Takes It All Away”

It is hard to answer God’s call to “Go Forward” and “Be Witnesses” and “Run the Race” when everything around us seems to be so unsteady and uncertain. But what if what God is really doing in this time is shaking everything that can be shaken, so that we will see the unreliability and danger in what we usually put our trust in, and so that we will return to Him as our only hope, safety, and refuge.

And what if, by learning to rest in His grace — we find new strength to obey and answer the call!!

Run to God who is the only real refuge (v.1)

In Him, we find deliverance from fearful things (v.2-10)

For the Almighty God of Jacob is with you (v.7 and v.11)



Some texts for follow-up study and meditation this week:

- Psalm 34
- Luke 12:15-34
- Philippians 4:4-9
- And looking ahead to Easter  
— Matthew 26-27 and 1 Corinthians 15



What has been scariest or hardest about the last few weeks?  
What are you afraid of?

What are the opportunities in this time? The silver linings?  
The blessings?

What have you been relying on or putting your trust in that  
can't really deliver you? What is God calling you to let go  
of, that you would once again fall into and cling to Him?

How does hearing of God's power and His incredible action  
on your behalf give you courage?

What would it look like for you to “be still” before God —  
to “take a vacation” from your striving, or your panicking,  
to really see who He is and what He does?

When God identifies Himself as “the God of Jacob”

- what does that say to you?
- How does it speak to you of His presence, of  
Jesus, and of the gospel?

In light of all the truths in this Psalm, how is God calling  
you to be different, to be transformed — and to go forward  
with new courage and assurance in Him, and a new boldness  
as His witness in this world?