



# THE LYTLE LIGHT

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;  
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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**Current Sunday Schedule:** 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship  
~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal  
~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal  
**Current Wednesday Schedule:** 5:00PM—Bible Study

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*If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.*

## COMPROMISE CHANGES TRUTH

— BY GARY HUTCHENS, SUNNY SLOPE COC, OMAHA, NE

Compromise is the willingness to give up something in order to get something. It is said to be the art of diplomacy. Savvy politicians will tell you that to be a successful politician you must learn to compromise. Because different philosophies and ideologies come to bear within political circles, it is difficult to accomplish anything without being willing to compromise somewhere along the line. Usually, neither side gets all of what it wants. Instead, each side gives up something in order to get some of what it believes to be best. While getting some of what it believes in, each side prevents the other from getting all of what it wants.

Certainly, compromise is valid, even necessary under certain circumstances. Husbands and wives must learn to compromise on a number of issues within their marriage. A husband cannot expect his wife to blindly go along with everything he wants or says,

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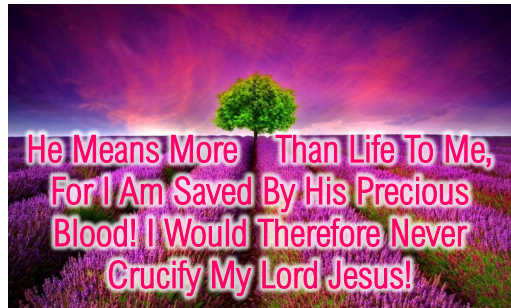
# WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

## ORDER OF SERVICE



- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 26—For The Beauty Of The Earth  
Song No. 441—Savior, More Than Life To Me

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 649—Saved By The Blood . . .  
Song No. 365—Shall I Crucify My Savior?

- LORD'S SUPPER • 

- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 575—Softly & Tenderly

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 321—Sweeter As The Years Go By

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

## SERMON

### SOME LAWS NEVER FAIL GALATIANS 6:6-10

#### • SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Galatians 6:6-10; 2 Corinthians 11:8-9; Romans 15:26-27;  
1 Timothy 6:17-18; Matthew 12:46-50; 2 Corinthians 5:10;  
1 Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 6:35; Hebrews 5:9; Mark 16:16;  
James 5:7

#### • SERMON OUTLINE •

— INTRODUCTION —

- I. Share When Taught
  - A. Financial Support
  - B. Spiritual Blessings
- II. Do Good To All
  - A. Unbelievers
  - B. Especially Brethren
- III. Implications Of The Principle
  - A. Today Based On Yesterday
  - B. Tomorrow Based On Today
- IV. Applications Of The Principle
  - A. Two Options
  - B. Sow To The Spirit
  - C. Never Grow Weary

— CONCLUSION —

— INVITATION —



## WED NIGHT STUDY

**5:00 PM** In Fellowship Hall (Use Rear Doors)

Please Join Us When Possible!

— *1 Corinthians 12:4-13:1* —



— APRIL 28 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship  
POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

— MAY 26 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship  
POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

— JUNE 30 —

5th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship  
CHIPS & DIPS & SANDWICHES OH MY! PLUS DESSERTS!

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regardless of its appropriateness. Neither can a wife expect her husband to agree with everything she says. Both may agree on the need for new carpeting. She may like red, and he may like brown. They may have to compromise and get blue. He may want one child, she may want six! They may have to compromise somewhere in between.

Other relationships often require compromise to one degree or another. Dating couples, friends, work associates, neighbors may all find themselves having to compromise from time to time with others around them, just to get along.

Basically, there's nothing wrong with compromising under the right circumstances. But a problem arises when truth is compromised. Once compromised, that truth will never be the same. When truth is compromised, it is no longer the truth. Truth cannot stand compromise! A few illustrations are in order.

If  $2+2=4$ , it can never equal anything but 4. If someone insists that  $2+2=6$ , and someone else insists  $2+2=4$ , both cannot be correct. Either one is wrong and the other right or both are wrong, but both cannot be right. If the two compromise and agree to state  $2+2=5$ , they have not changed the actual truth of the matter. If they could somehow convince everyone in the world that  $2+2=5$ ,

then that will become "accepted as truth." However, it will not change the actual truth;  $2+2$  will always, in actual truth, equal 4. Actual truth cannot be compromised.



When it comes to doctrinal matters, there's no room for compromise. The truth is the truth. There is only one true God (1 Cor. 8:4,6; Eph. 4:6). There is only one savior, Jesus Christ (Jn. 8:24; Eph. 4:5). The Bible is the on-

ly body of authoritative truth that has been communicated to man by God in order to guide man in God's will (2 Tim. 3:16-17). There is no salvation outside of Christ (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12). A person cannot be saved without being baptized (immersed) in water for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21; Mk. 16:15-16). He cannot be saved without also being in the Lord's church (Acts 2:47). We could go on and on.

Truth cannot be compromised and still be the truth! When one decides to compromise the doctrinal teachings of God's word, he does away with the truth; compromised teachings are not actual truth. The only way for one to have actual truth, doctrinally, is to accept God's doctrine as He has communicated it to us through His word. It cannot be changed and still be God's truth. Truth cannot be compromised, because compromise changes truth... **E**

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## REMOVING GOD FROM YOUR MIND — WHAT HAPPENS?

— BY GARY HUTCHENS, SUNNY SLOPE COC, OMAHA, NE

Our nation is in a state of crisis! Our economy is in shambles, with inflation at a forty year high and many products in short supply due to a constricted supply chain. Our present political structure is characterized by animosity, hatred, irrationality, flagrant deceit, obsession over power and a lack of pure wisdom. Our government seems largely out of touch with reality and therefore fundamentally incapable of doing what it was designed to do.

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## CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sicknesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

## APRIL 7

### PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY, ADDITIONS:

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**ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME**  
**A SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E.,<sup>[1]</sup>, AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN**

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer's brother] – Praise GOD! His surgery to implant a shunt to drain excess liquid from his brain went well!<sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Bridgewater, Rebecca [Mitch Watkins' sister] – Experiencing health issues. She's seeing several doctors about her condition(s).<sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Flatequal, Pam – **Praise GOD!** She's excited to be a soon-to-be great grandmother! Pray all goes well with the pregnancy!<sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Taiwan – Taiwanese People as they recover from the 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake. Pray for the Victims – 9 Killed, 50 Missing, Over 900 injured.<sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Travelling – Ronda Spicer along with Abby her granddaughter and Phoenix her great grandchild.<sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ Under-the-Weather – Betty Smith has been having episodes where she's not felt well at all.<sup>[NEW]</sup>
- ◇ U.S. Northeast – Any affected by the 4.8 earthquake followed by 4.0 aftershock and any others that may still occur.
- ◇ Watkins, Mitch – I'm asking for prayers for my back and hips which have been bothering me more and more. Also the strength to take care of Betsy, as she deserves, and to do so to the best of my ability<sup>[NEW]</sup>

## MARCH 31

- ◇ Haby, Casey [Mark Cashion's (Friend of the congregation) sister-in-law?] – She had a double mastectomy sometime in the past. Unfortunately, now at age 51, the cancer has returned and she is not doing well.<sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She may possibly have a stint(s) implanted in her heart.<sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Slaughter, Mary [Melanie McMeans' sister] – She was in a head-on collision but Praise GOD! she

wasn't hurt badly – mostly bruises and soreness.<sup>[1]</sup>

- ◇ Smoot, Bailey & Dan'iel [Smoots' granddaughters] – Both girls left (Friday, March 29) for three months of mission work. Bailey will be in South Africa and Dan'iel will be visiting the remaining Hawaiian Islands.<sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Deborah – She's contracted Covid.<sup>[1]</sup>
- ◇ Vela, John & Cheryl [Ruane Renninger's son-in-law and daughter] – Praise GOD! They arrived safely to Japan! But upon arriving there, they both were sick. Then, a doctor said Cheryl needs a different brace for her knee and John had to go to the dentist.<sup>[1]</sup>

## MARCH 24

- ◇ Barron, Pat Family [Laura Garnder's sister-in-law] – Pat passed into eternity Sunday, March 17.<sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Sparks, Janice [Tom Woodard's daughter] – She'll be having surgery on her neck this summer. Per her doctor, she'll have to have cervical plates/rods implanted. It's likely to be much more involved than originally thought.<sup>[2]</sup>
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She saw her doctor about her continuing dizzy spells and other issues. He/She ran some tests but couldn't track the symptoms she's been having.<sup>[2]</sup>

## MARCH 17

- ◇ Burris, Joyce – To determine the cause of her pain, she, after having an MRI on March 5, received her test results: arthritis and pinched nerves along C4 and T1 so, she'll be receiving about 6 weeks of therapy. She will also be seeing her doctor on March 20 about her enlarged thyroid that some lab tests from March 13 revealed<sup>[3]</sup>.

## MARCH 10

- ◇ None Or Moved To A More Recent Date

## MARCH 3

- ◇ Flatequals, Fletcher, Evan, Lauryn (Evan's girlfriend), and Isabel [Pam Flatequal's family members plus one] – All have the A1 Flu.<sup>[5]</sup>

- ◇ Lopez, Emily [Tom Woodard's granddaughter] – She recently gave birth to a healthy, **Praise God!**, baby boy named Bryson Paul making him Tom's 12th great grandchild.<sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ Smoot, Randy [Roger Smoot's brother] – His Parkinsons is really taking a toll on him.<sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ Villarreal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] – He's now on a trial drug for 18 months for his stage 4 prostate cancer which has metastasized to several areas of his body (lymph nodes and bones).<sup>[5]</sup>
- ◇ YWAM Kids Killed or Injured [Youth With A Mission – Where Bailey & Dan'iel, Smoots' granddaughters are attending] – On a mission trip to Tansania, Africa, 8 kids were killed and 3 injured when they were hit by a truck. The injured remain in the hospital.<sup>[5]</sup>

## ONGOING

**NOTE:** *If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know.*

Bippert, Cheryl<sup>[18]</sup>; Bippert, Ernest Family<sup>[18]</sup>; Boldt, Sandy<sup>[18]</sup>; Brown, Hunter<sup>[8]</sup>; Brown, Scott<sup>[25]</sup>; Brown, Stephanie<sup>[11]</sup>; Bucheit, Dan Family<sup>[26]</sup>; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes<sup>[13]</sup>; Burris, Gloria<sup>[6]</sup>; Corren, Jan<sup>[13]</sup>; Davis, Randy Family<sup>[20]</sup>; Davis, Preston<sup>[8]</sup>; Davis, Preston Family<sup>[26]</sup>; Delaney, Sophie<sup>[14]</sup>; Dye, Joyce<sup>[21]</sup>; Evans, Steve<sup>[14]</sup>; Fintel, Pam<sup>[21]</sup>; Flatequal, Fletcher<sup>[11]</sup>; Green, Marvin<sup>[15]</sup>; Green, Sonia<sup>[11]</sup>; LeFluer, Miranda<sup>[10]</sup>; Mays, Alice Family<sup>[13]</sup>; McLay, Carla<sup>[8]</sup>; McLay, Gary<sup>[8]</sup>; McMeans, Velma<sup>[10]</sup>; Montalvo, Louie<sup>[22]</sup>; Moore, Michael & Michele<sup>[20]</sup>; Nancy (Last Name Unknown)<sup>[20]</sup>; Neal, Larry<sup>[8]</sup>; Noble, David Family<sup>[24]</sup>; Norris, David Family<sup>[13]</sup>; Parra, Rudy<sup>[26]</sup>; Reilly, Mike Family<sup>[8]</sup>; Segura, Gilbert Family<sup>[12]</sup>; Shaw, Nancy<sup>[13]</sup>; Slaughter, Ron<sup>[26]</sup>; Smith, Bessie Family<sup>[10]</sup>; Smith, Zachary Family<sup>[12]</sup>; Smoot, Cody & Emily<sup>[6]</sup>; Torres, Donna<sup>[18]</sup>; Turnbow, Elaine<sup>[16]</sup>; Turnbow, Gary<sup>[16]</sup>; Villarreal, Doris Family<sup>[10]</sup>; Welsby, Chris<sup>[10]</sup>; Wentreck, James Family<sup>[16]</sup>



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The animosity and hatred are not limited to our politicians, though many of them are major contributors to the wider effect. Our very culture right now is immersed in animosity and hatred, and those uncontrolled emotions have led to waves of violence. Much of the violence has been spontaneous, reactionary to some event or news. But much of it has been thoughtfully planned and purposeful, instigated by individuals and groups with specific goals to rise to power.

Our national news media, supposed to be the watchdogs for our society, are themselves largely culpable. Their bias is obvious, having digressed to creating news rather than reporting the news. Whatever does not fit their agenda is given brief or slanted attention, or ignored altogether. Their trustworthiness, in the eyes of the people, is abysmally low.

Violence is not the only problem in our culture right now, not even biggest problem. The central problem, simply stated, is immorality. Immorality! Most people probably think of that term in relation to sexual immorality. But that's only one form of immorality. The dictionary definition, simply put, is, "contrary to accepted moral principles." Hatred, animosity, unprovoked violence, stealing, lying, deceit, cheating, murder, to name just a few, all qualify as immoral acts. Yet, these are common practices within our nation today. Our culture has come to give immorality in general just a wink and a nod. With few exceptions, immorality has become acceptable!

Prevailing immorality will degrade any culture, and that is exactly what is happening to our culture and, therefore, to our nation.

Why is this happening? Our political structure, our national and local governments, our court system, our education system, our media, our societal thinking have all largely pushed God out of the picture. But our mind is not a vacuum. When we push God out, the devil automatically moves in. The less we practice morality, the more immoral we naturally become. When godliness no

## SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

### PSALM 150

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty firmament! <sup>2</sup> Praise Him for His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness! <sup>3</sup> Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the lute and harp! <sup>4</sup> Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes! <sup>5</sup> Praise Him with loud cymbals; praise Him with clashing cymbals! <sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!



longer characterizes our thinking and lifestyle, immorality takes its place. Evil takes over.

This was the very reality in Noah's day: "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart." (Gen. 6:5-6). We know the rest of the story, don't we?

As a nation and culture we're losing our spiritual identity. To a great degree we've already lost it. Let's not delude ourselves by thinking there will be no consequences. The consequences are already evident all around us. This is what happens when a people remove God from their mind... **E**

# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS









Darrell Ranne	April 13	Birthday
Pat Woodard	April 16	Birthday
Cris Street	April 27	Birthday
Missae French	May 4	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And May 22, 2024  
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## — Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p><b>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch –</b>  <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i>                  Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)</p>
Every Thursday	 <p><b>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) –</b> Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
Sun–Apr 14	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Have A New Life</i> –</b> for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 21	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Can Know The Answer</i> –</b> for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–Apr 28	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Have Hope For Heaven</i> –</b> for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–May 5	 <p><b>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Back To The Bible</i> –</b> for channel: searchtv.com</p>

## — Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p><b>Lytle Friendship Art Club –</b> Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p><b>VFW Auxiliary –</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p><b>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) –</b> Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun–Apr 7	<p>National <sup>1</sup>Deep Dish Pizza • <sup>2</sup>Caramel Apple • <sup>3</sup>Raisin &amp; Spice Bar Days</p>
Mon–Apr 8	<p>National <sup>1</sup>Empanada • <sup>2</sup>Zoo Lovers Days</p> 
Wed–Apr 10	<p>National Cinnamon Crescent Day • International Day Of Pink</p>
Fri–Apr 12	<p>National <sup>1</sup>Grilled Cheese Sandwich • <sup>2</sup>Licorice Days</p> 
Sat–Apr 13	<p>National <sup>1</sup>Peach Cobbler Day • <sup>2</sup>Scrabble Day • <sup>3</sup>Thomas Jefferson's Birthday</p>
Sun–Apr 14	<p>National <sup>1</sup>Pecan • <sup>2</sup>Do Good Deeds • <sup>3</sup>Grits Days</p> 

## GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

**ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?  
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!**

## INTERACTIVE

### Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: [video.wvbs.org/spotlight](http://video.wvbs.org/spotlight)

## DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



### Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Apr 7 - Ruth 1-4
MON	Apr 8 - 1 Sam 1-3
TUE	Apr 9 - 1 Sam 4-8
WED	Apr 10 - 1 Sam 9-12
THU	Apr 11 - 1 Sam 13-14
FRI	Apr 12 - 1 Sam 15-17
SAT	Apr 13 - 1 Sam 18-20, Ps 11, Ps 59

Sam = Samuel | Ps = Psalms

## WANT TO BE

### Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

## MEMORIZE Scripture —

### SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM PSALMS

**11:1-3** — <sup>1</sup>In the Lord I put my trust; how can you say to my soul, “Flee as a bird to your mountain”? <sup>2</sup>For look! The wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow on the string, that they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart. <sup>3</sup>If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

**11:4-6** — <sup>4</sup>The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord’s throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. <sup>5</sup>The Lord tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. <sup>6</sup>Upon the wicked He will rain coals; fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.

**59:1-2** — <sup>1</sup>Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; defend me from those who rise up against me. <sup>2</sup>Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloodthirsty men.

**59:16-17** — <sup>16</sup>But I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; for You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. <sup>17</sup>To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for God is my defense, my God of mercy.

