

Come Out of Confinement

by Warren Wiersbe

Warren Wiersbe's sermon encourages believers to embrace their trials as opportunities for growth and to recognize God's delight in delivering them from confinement.

Scripture: Psalm 4:1, Psalm 18:19, Psalm 18:36, Psalm 37:4, Matthew 3:17

Topics: "Faith And Growth", "Gods Deliverance"

Description

Warren Wiersbe emphasizes how God's delight in us leads to our deliverance and growth. Using David's experiences, he illustrates how God brings us out of confinement into a broad place because He delights in us. Just as God delighted in David and Jesus, He desires to delight in us as well, using life's trials to make us bigger and enable us to take giant steps of faith for His glory.

Transcript

Read Psalm 18:16-19

For several years David had been forced to live in confined places while he fled from Saul. More than once he fled to a cave to save his life. Then God brought him out of the caves and out of confinement and into a large place. "He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me" (v. 19). David was a man after God's own heart, and God delighted in him, just as He delighted in our Lord Jesus. God said of Him, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17).

We often talk about our delighting in the Lord. "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart" (Ps. 37:4). That's important to do. But what about God's delighting in us? As parents and grandparents, we enjoy delighting in our children and grandchildren. In a similar way God wants to delight in us.

Because God delights in us, He delivers us. And He uses the difficult experiences of life to make us bigger. "He also brought me out into a broad place" (v. 19). Verse 36 of this chapter says, "You enlarged my path under me." When God puts us into a large place, He has to give us larger feet. But don't stop there. In Psalm 4:1 David said, "You have relieved me." God delivers us so that He can put us into a larger place, so that He can enable us to take giant steps of faith for His glory. David had gone through several years of confinement, difficulty, persecution and sorrow. But when it was over, he was a bigger man.

Let the trials of life make you a giant, not a midget. Let God put you into a large place, where you can take giant steps of faith for His glory.

Life's trials are not easy. But in God's will, each has a purpose. Often He uses them to enlarge you. Are you feeling confined? Be encouraged that God delights in delivering you from confinement. Difficult times build your faith, if you let Him use them for His glory.

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