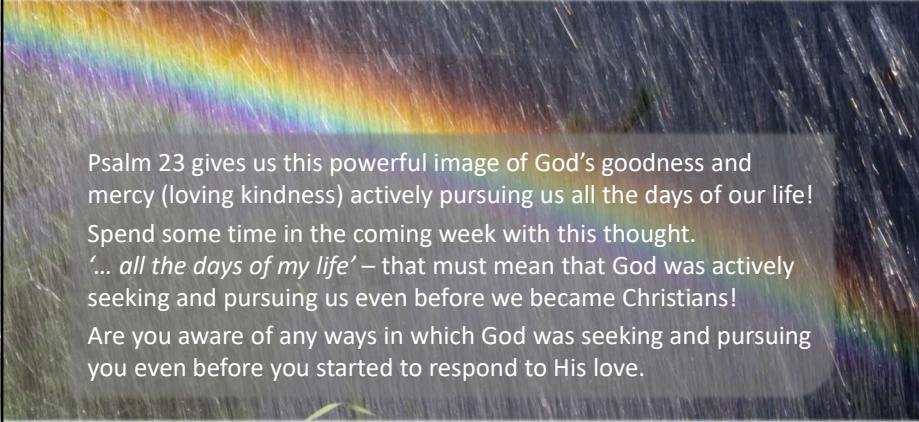


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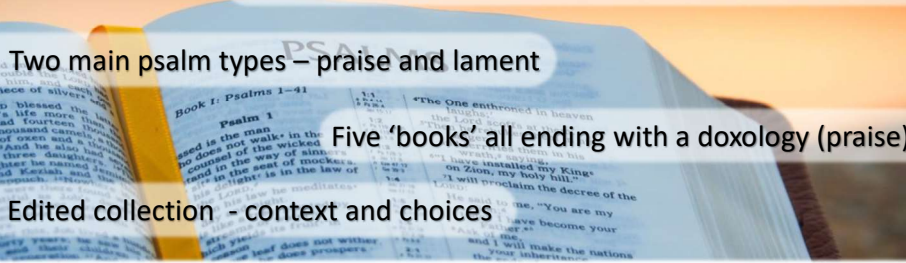
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Feedback – Tracing the rainbow through the rain

Psalm 23 gives us this powerful image of God’s goodness and mercy (loving kindness) actively pursuing us all the days of our life! Spend some time in the coming week with this thought. ‘... all the days of my life’ – that must mean that God was actively seeking and pursuing us even before we became Christians! Are you aware of any ways in which God was seeking and pursuing you even before you started to respond to His love.



Session 1 Review

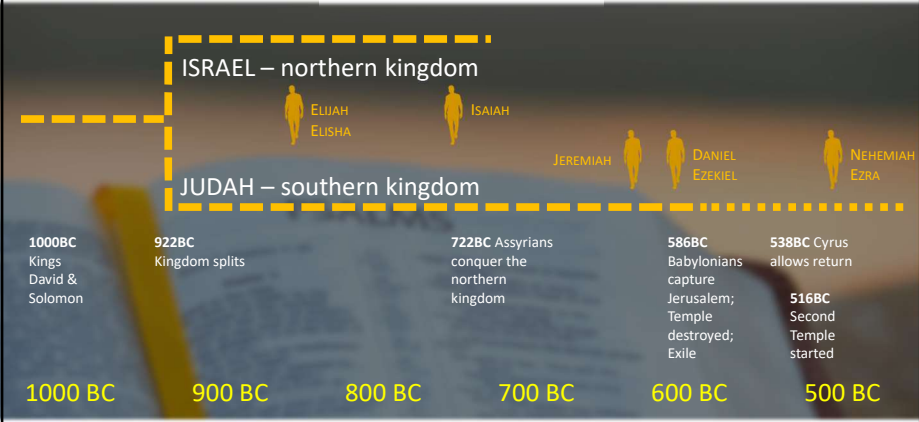
Jewish worship/prayer book – poems, prayers & songs

Multiple authors with almost half attributed to David

Two main psalm types – praise and lament

Five ‘books’ all ending with a doxology (praise)

Edited collection - context and choices



Session 1 Review

ISRAEL – northern kingdom

JUDAH – southern kingdom

1000BC Kings David & Solomon

922BC Kingdom splits

722BC Assyrians conquer the northern kingdom

586BC Babylonians capture Jerusalem; Temple destroyed; Exile

538BC Cyrus allows return

516BC Second Temple started

1000 BC 900 BC 800 BC 700 BC 600 BC 500 BC

ELIJAH ELSHA ISAIAH JEREMIAH DANIEL EZEKIEL NEHEMIAH EZRA

Happy Places & Safe Spaces

HAPPY PLACE – the place, situation, or environment where one feels most happy and secure.



Happy places

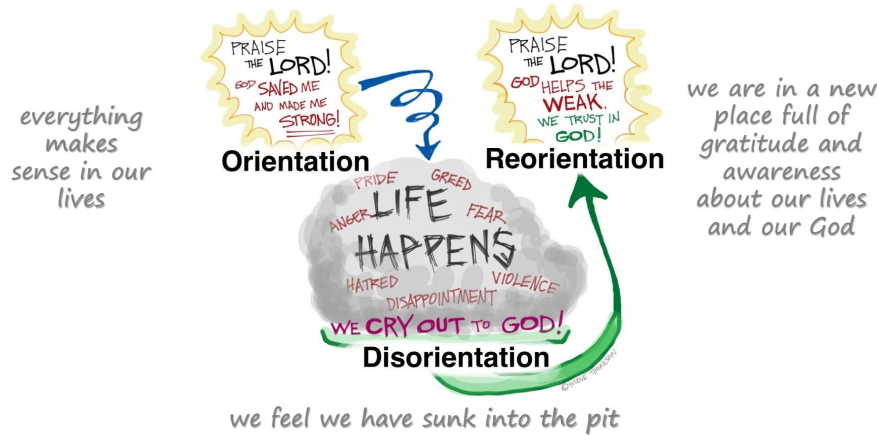
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SAFE SPACE – a supportive, non-threatening environment where you feel comfortable to express yourself and share experiences without fear of judgement, discrimination or reprisal.



Safe Space
With God

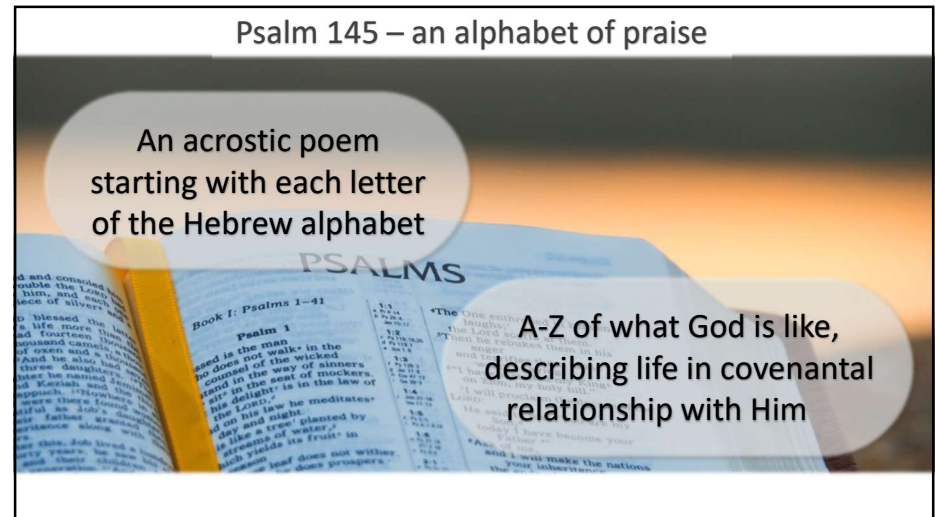
Rhythm of Life: Orientation, Disorientation, Reorientation

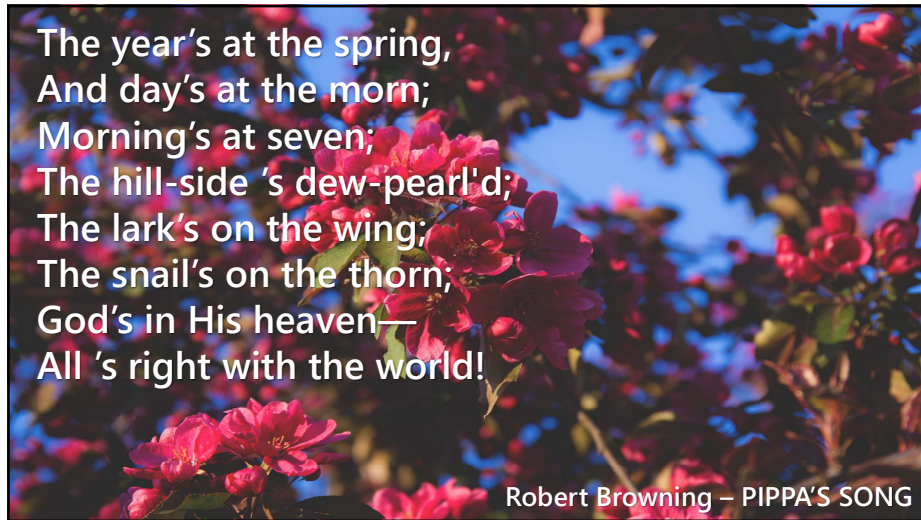


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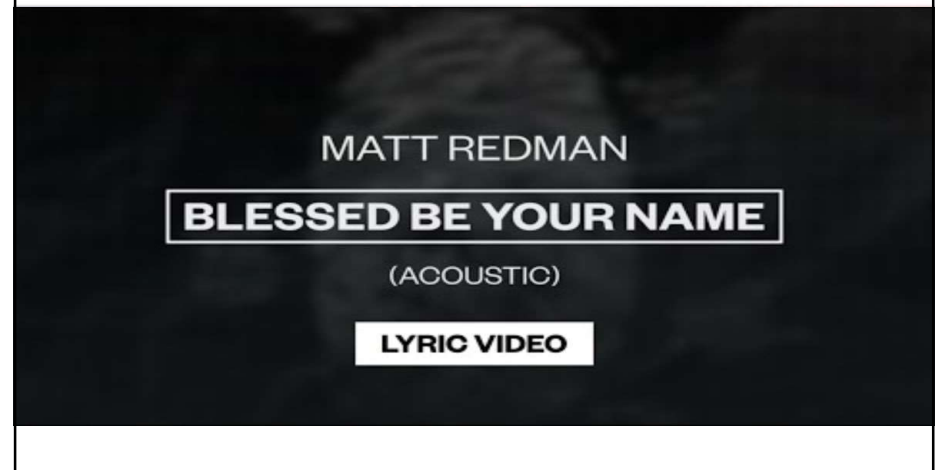
An acrostic poem starting with each letter of the Hebrew alphabet

A-Z of what God is like, describing life in covenantal relationship with Him

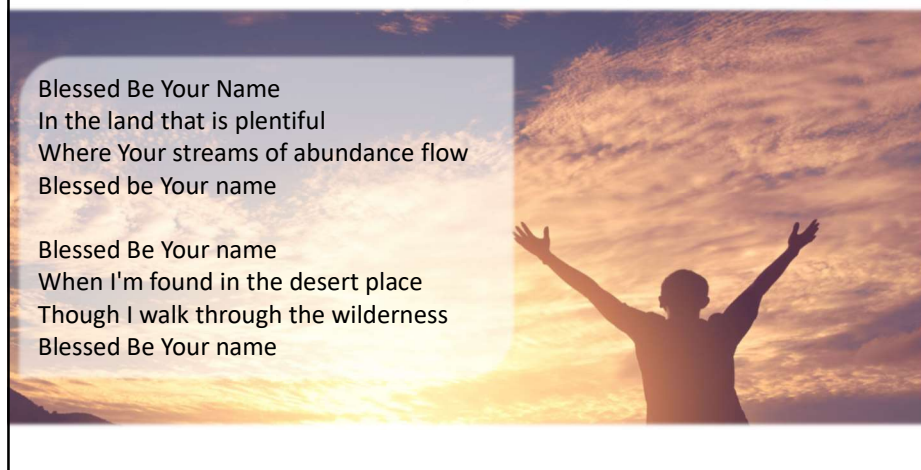




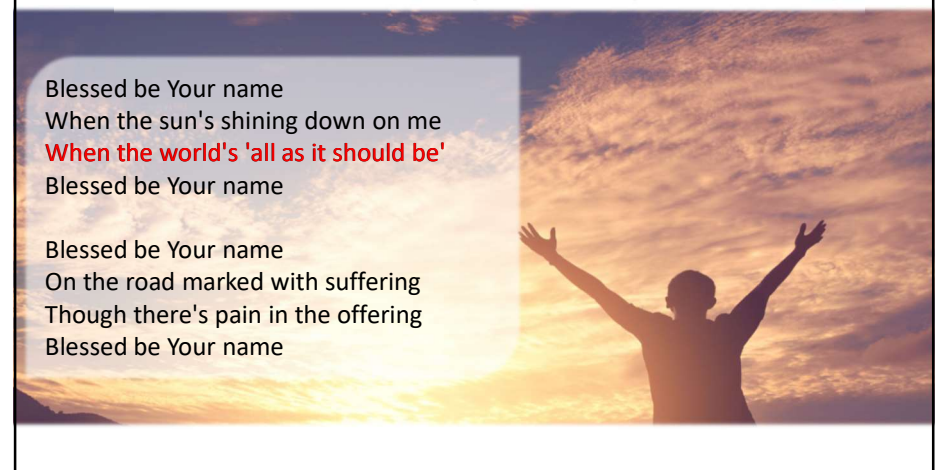
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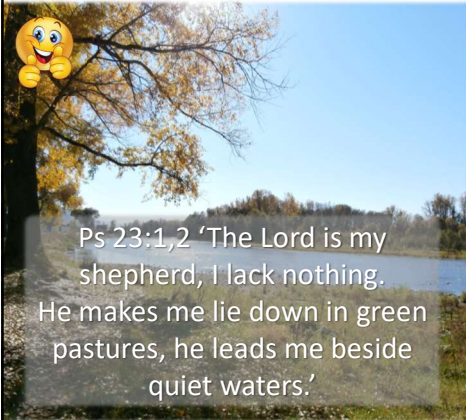
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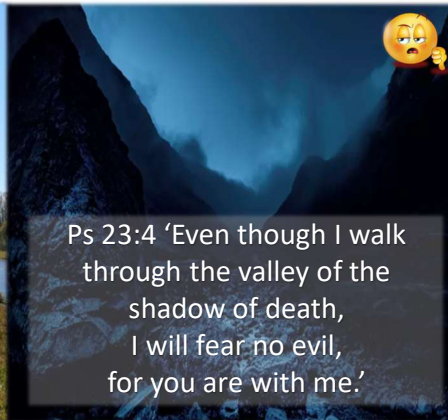
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Reflection – Psalm 23



Ps 23:1,2 'The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.'



Ps 23:4 'Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.'



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an invitation into a mystery

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Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me
Ps 42:7

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