

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 60
A Psalm When God Is Your Only Hope

illus - ants on a golf ball

Pastor Lou in a sand trap- SWING -miss - hundreds of ants killed

SWING - more ants killed - chaos

ONE ANT “Hey everybody, GET ON THE BALL”

What? You’ve got to be kidding!”

“UNLESS WE GET ON THE BALL, We’re ALL GONNA DIE!”

Have you ever been in a situation when God was your only hope?

I. Up Against a Wall

A. David doing battle in the NORTH

1. Superscription to Psalm 60
2. 1 Chron 18:1-6 (Battle in the NORTH)
3. 1 Chron 18:12 (Edom, in the SOUTH)

B. Learn of the CALAMITY only from **Psalm 60**

1. 60:1. “Rejected”
2. 60:2 “Burst forth upon us”
3. God’s anger
4. “Shaken the land - torn it open”
5. This trial was from God
 - a. (James 1:2-3, NIV) " Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."
 - b. (Hebrews 10:36-39, NIV) "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while, “He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.” But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."
 - c. (2 Peter 1:5-6, NIV) "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;"

II. Climb Fast(*When you’re up against a wall, climb fast!*) **60:4-8**

- A. Shechen (60:6) located in EPHRAIM. A Picture of STRENGTH.
- B. Gilead and Manessah - both sides of the life giving JORDAN RIVER
- C. Judah - scepter. ***The powerful one.*** The MARINES of his day
- D. Moab - God’s washpot

- E. Edom - Philistia
- III. Watch God Deliver. **60:9-12**
- A. 60:12. With God we will gain the VICTORY.
 - B. ASA - (2 Chronicles 14:11, NIV) "Then Asa called to the Lord his God and said, "Lord, **there is no one like you** to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. O Lord, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you.""
- IV. Up Against a 21st Century Wall
- A. Death of a loved one. **Job 1:21**
 - B. Illness. **Psalms 119:67, 7**
 - C. Opposition . **Three Hebrew Children. "But if Not" (Dan 3:18)**
 - D. Finances. **Hab 3:17-18**
 - E. National Disaster. **Psalms 20:7 "some trust in chariots. . ."**
 - F. Betrayal.
 - G. Testing