Daily Devotional, September 20, 2020

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In Psalm 31, David affirms his trust in the Lord through prayer. The sentiment of this Psalm is sung in our churches, as we sing "Trust in You" (Psalm 31:14), by the Christian singer Lauren Daigle. It is a hymn of complete reliance upon God. We understand that the Ruler of our destiny is not ourselves. So we say with David, "My times are in Your hand."

Look back on your life. Did God not take care of you in the womb, your days being counted a valuable thing, even as your frame was being formed (Jeremiah 1:5)? What of your childhood? Perhaps your memories and lessons learned prepared you well for life. Or it may be that you learned lessons about people and life that you have resolved to forget and not repeat. It is alright. Your times were in God's hand then. When you were a teen and young adult, and perhaps some of you are still, it seems like the end of the world when you are betrayed by a friend, or when you thought you had a love but it was only skin deep, superficial. A tragedy may have befallen you, you sustained an injury at work or at play, or sickness visited your home. Perhaps you did something crazy, and are grateful to be alive today, but it was not time yet. So you lived. The Lord held you tight then, and is very near to you now. Do you have confidence in this? Can you look on this time and say with David, "My times are in Your hand." You started a family and your children grew. There were days of joy and days of sorrow. Many experiences visited you. Maybe your faith wavered. Maybe you found the faith in God through Jesus Christ that would save your soul for the first time, having been too blind to see it sooner. But that is okay now. The timing of the God of destiny is not to be despised, but welcomed. Everything happens for a reason. Let us now say together, "My times are in Your hand." You may be reading this, having entered your twilight years. You are wiser now. And if you are a believer in communion with God, you are at peace. You look back and see the work of God. As the weaver weaves a tapestry to make a beautiful finished product, so too the Lord has done with you. Thank you, Father. "My times are in Your hand."