

MOST HIGH STAKES - PART 1

"What's In A Name?"
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BIG IDEA:

God is our Refuge, our place of Grace!

IS THERE A STORY BEHIND YOUR NAME?

PSALM 91:1-4

"MACHSEH"= REFUGE

▲ GOD IS OUR REFUGE (PLACE OF GRACE) WHEN WE ARE TEMPTED, TIRED, AND TROUBLED

(1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Philipines 4:13)

▲ HOW DO I R. U. N. TO GOD AS MY REFUGE?

Joshua 2,6 – Rahab was a woman who found A REFUGE!

RELY ON GOD

UNITE WITH GOD'S PEOPLE

NEVER LET GO OF GOD'S PROMISES

Matthew 1 (Genealogy of Christ)

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For further study of today's message

ENTRY POINT: What IS in a name? The Gospels are filled with stories of nameless people who are healed by Jesus. Healed by faith from sickness of body and of spirit. *God knows your name and He has called it. He will never stop calling it!* It is never too late to seek refuge and healing in His ever-open arms. ***"Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*** Matthew 11:28.

Describe a time when you have *run* to God. What rest (peace) did you receive?

Only those who realize the depth of their sin can appreciate God's complete forgiveness and peace. How does your life **express** your understanding and appreciation of the wideness of God's mercy?

Matthew 11:29 says, *"Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls."* A yoke is designed to "join together and equally distribute" a load. God calls His people to be joined together as the Body of Christ. Are you yoked? How does this give rest to your soul?

God wants to give us refuge. But, more than that, He wants to BE our Refuge, our Redeemer, our Shelter, our Hope. When you are weary, what in God's promises do you cling to?

"So God has given us both His promise and His oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can take new courage, For we can hold on to his promise with confidence."
Hebrews 6:18 (NLT)