## Door Creek Church | Devotional Plan Friday, May 15, 2020

## Psalms 138 I "I Will Always Praise You!"

*"When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me."* Psalms 138:3

**What is praise?** The writer of the Psalms often instructs the believer to praise God. Are we being prompted to heap compliments, adorations or even admiration to one that is esteemed worthy of this praise? Yes! God is worthy of all our praise, our adoration and our compliments. The writer testifies of God's wonderous power and love that He shows toward those who praise Him and how He vindicates those who have dedicated their lives to serve Him.

It's not easy to always see the road of thankfulness and praise when life seems to break out with chaotic and unexplainable events. You sometimes question whether this walk through the midst of trouble in life will be the thing that takes you out of the race or push you to the edge of unbelief. It's these times when we must reach way down and find that inner strength and joy that God implanted in us so that when trouble comes and our foes begin to push into us, we can bow to Him and praise Him for His unfailing love and protection. For He is God and His glory and love endures forever.

As we continue to live every day and think on His goodness, let us always be reminded that He is an exalted God who sees our lowly existence. He is an ever-towering Lord who notices our every care and pain, even when we feel He is at a distance. Amen!

Memorize: Psalms 138:1 "I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

## SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

## James 1:2-4

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.