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Dear Friend,

*"I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." Isaiah 48:17*

There are a number of places you can turn to in your life for advice, but there is only one where you can find the answers. Look all around you and people everywhere are in search of something. The single person is in search of the perfect spouse; the sick person is in search of the cure; the lonely are in search of a friend; people who are sad search for joy; those who are worried search for peace and those who are bound search for freedom.

While searching for the answer, all of these people will turn to every form and source for advice. They will talk to doctors, therapists, colleagues and friends. They will watch Dr. Phil, Oprah, Dateline and Fox. They will try new social settings, new jobs, new houses, new cars and new spouses in search of what they are trying to find.

David was a man who often found himself in great need. There were times in his life when he needed a Comforter when he felt rejected by the whole world. There were days when he needed a Deliverer as he stood face to face with a giant. There were hours he needed to be encouraged, while he sobbed in sorrow. There were moments he needed forgiveness for the filthy stains on his soul to be washed clean.

At one point or another, it would be safe to say, David needed it all. Yet for all of the different situations he faced, he only had one source for the answer. Psalm 62:5 "My soul, wait silently for God alone, for my expectation is from Him." David was surrounded by mighty men of valor. He was anointed by the Prince of the Prophets in Samuel. He was counseled by the voice of the courageous Nathan. However, he clearly tells that no matter what he is in need of, he turns to One, and that One is God.

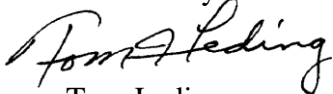
Listen to the simplicity of David's faith. He isn't confused by the mixed signals of too much information. When he is in need he says, "I look to God and no one else." By eliminating other sources, David is afforded a great deal of peace in knowing that while he may have to wait on his answer, when it comes it will be all sufficient and right on time.

By waiting on God, he has positioned himself to confront his problems with the perfect solution. If he needs peace, he is waiting on the Prince of Peace. Should he need joy, he is waiting on the One in Whose presence is the fullness of joy. Healing, he is waiting on the Great

Physician. Comfort, he has a friend closer than any brother. Deliverance, whom the Son sets free is free indeed. Protection, the name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and are saved.

I don't know what you need today, but God does. You don't know how the answer will come, but God does. You can spend your time running from place to place and looking from one person to the next, but when you're ready to find the answer, look only to God.

God bless you and those you love,



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