



**August 16, 2011 - Psalm 56:8**

Hi Everyone,

I am excited about sharing our verse with you this week; in fact for the next two weeks! Both of them have solid Truth for us to establish our steps in. So let's just jump right in with verse 8.

In the NASB, Psalm 56:8 reads:

**"Thou hast taken account of my wanderings; put my tears in Thy bottle;  
are they not in Thy book?"**

We have sure been on a journey with David, haven't we? I was talking with one of our memorizers recently and she made this statement, "David is bipolar." She went on to say, "I read these verses and I think, 'Put your big boy pants on David, you are a King!' " Maybe you have felt the same way as you have memorized and meditated upon Psalm 56. Like you should know better than to allow your steps to wander in places of mistrust. David has been up, down and everywhere in between... all over the map really, between trust and whining and desperation, too.

I can relate. You probably can, too. Many times we are all over the map as well. One day we trust God and the next day we are wandering over to a place of whining. Then we wander to despair, then back to praise and trust, then some other barren place and on and on it goes. Most of us get it. Daily abiding in the land of trusting God can be quite challenging. Many of us understand David's struggle because we can relate to it. The connection to David's experience makes verse 8 even more meaningful. As we struggle to trust God too, how wonderful it is to stand on these three things:

**"Thou hast taken account of my wanderings."**

In other words, every place that we have gone, God knows. When we wander here and there, away from trusting God, He is aware. Although that could bring shame, because we know God's mercy, it brings relief. It is just good to be known. To know that the God of the universe sees our wanderings and still reaches out to us; that brings peace. This knowing helps us settle back down to the place of trust that we need to abide in.

**"Put my tears in Thy bottle."**

This kind of sounds like a request, but it isn't. It could read, "**and put my tears in Thy bottle.**" David is making a statement that follows his first. God has seen all the places he has wandered and God has saved every tear cried in each one. Why has God done this? Verse 8 sends a clear message that it is because He cares! Not only has God seen the wanderings, not only has God had mercy, God has saved every tear. He cares about every moment of despair that has brought us to tears in each of the places of mistrust we have visited. Again, this knowledge helps us to settle down to the place of trust we need to abide in.

**"Are they not in Thy book?"**

David knows that God not only sees, but He has recorded it all. God, as a loving Father, cares so much; He has recorded every step, every tear. Why? Because He cares! And maybe, on the days we are abiding, He can use that book to remind us of how much better it is to stay put with Him.

I like the way the Living Bible records verse 8. It says, "**You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.**"

Plain and simple, God cares even when we wander away from trusting Him. Aren't we blessed to serve a God so gracious? Aren't we blessed to serve a God who cares so deeply?

There is a good word for us in Psalm 56:8... God cares about us even in our wanderings. He cares so much; He even saves our tears and writes down our sorrows. Oh, to learn to abide in a place of Trust, but should we wander away, His care does not.



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