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Psalm 91:1-16

"The bathtub is not your fortress." Those may seem like odd words to live by, but I know someone who does.

I have a friend who grew up in an area where tornadoes are frequent. He loves to tell tornado stories. He often recalls spending nights as a boy in the bathtub with his young siblings. Apparently, the bathroom and bathtub are some of the safest places in a storm. After each storm passed, his mother carefully reminded him that it wasn't the bathtub, the bathroom, or even his parents who had protected him. "I will say of the Lord," she would quote, "?He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust'" (Psalm 91:2).

It isn't just the fact that the Lord is our refuge and fortress, but the insistence that "I will say" it. The psalmist's implied entreaty is to acknowledge the powerful protective hand of God in the life of "whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High" (Psalm 91:1).

Many things may play a role in our protection?be they tubs, teachers, seatbelts, or spouses?but the believer is, finally, in God's trustworthy arms.

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