Embrace Holy Living



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Psalm 46:1-11

"Shh, what do you hear?" It was one of my first hunting lessons. We crouched low beside an old fencerow. I sat still and listened. A light wind clattered the dry leaves that clung to the branches. A squirrel chattered in her nest. Overhead a red-tailed hawk cried. Trying to shift my position earned me the whispered rebuke, "Shh, listen!" I froze, and in the distance, a twig broke. Two deer saw us just as we saw them. They sprang over a tumbled tree and were gone.

"Shh, what do you hear?" "Mountains falling into the heart of the sea, waters roaring and foaming," the Sons of Korah sang. Along with the sounds of restless, writhing nature, they heard the turmoil of manmade strife, "Nations are in an uproar, kingdoms fall" (v. 6). Above all, an insistent voice invited the hearers, "Be still, and know that I am God" (v. 10).

Above the din of our daily strife our Lord still calls, "Be still, and know that I am God." What do you hear?

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