

Dieu nous r  conforte dans la souffrance

Description

Psalm 119:49-56.

I  ve read this psalm probably dozens of times over the years, and I just noticed something for the first time: it is written in the present tense. That means that verse 50 is the psalmist  s present circumstances:   My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.  

The psalmist isn  t looking back over a lifetime of pain. The psalmist is currently suffering, and yet chooses to see that God offers comfort and grace in the present circumstances.

That  s huge. So often, in the middle of my pain, I  m busy whining and moaning about the unfairness of life. I  m lamenting and crying out about the isolation I feel. Worse yet, I am challenging and debating the God of love as to His work in my life. I miss the whole thing. He is right beside me. Closer than any friend or family member. So close that there is not a hair  s breadth of distance between us.

Yet it  s only when I acknowledge His presence  turn toward Him in my heart and soul  that I am comforted and find peace. Let us all learn to turn toward Him, every day in every way, and consistently receive the blessing of His presence.

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