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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 42:1-11

Viktor Frankl, a successful Viennese psychiatrist, spent nearly three years in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. After the war, he gave a speech in which he said, "There is only one reason why I am here today. What kept me alive in a situation where others had given up hope and died was the dream that someday I would be here telling you how I survived the Nazi concentration camp. I have never been here before. I have never seen any of you before and I have never given this speech before, but in my dreams, I have stood before you in this room and said these words a thousand times."\*

Perhaps, like the psalmist, you are downcast today. Perhaps, like Frankl, you are in a place that seems like a prison, and you wonder what the future holds. Put your hope in God, as the psalmist urges. Instead of dwelling on your present circumstances, envision God's best for your future. Your future is bright as you continue to trust His promises. By His grace, you will yet discover new reasons to praise Him.

\* Lauder, Leonard, "71st Commencement Address" (1989). Commencement Addresses. Paper 14. <http://digitalcommons.conncoll.edu/commence/14>

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