

“But may all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, “God is great!” Psalms 70:4 NLT

## lectio // Psalm 70

This Psalm starts out with David asking, no begging, God to rescue him from those who are trying to kill him. This is totally the Psalm that is thought to be prayed by Jesus in the garden just before the world's worse/best twelve hours of all humanity. David uses the word “salvation” here and other places in Psalms. I wonder how he meant it, how he defined it? Maybe it was just as simple as a rescue concept? However, the way David writes about searching makes me think it also has a lot to do with those who are actively asking, seeking, knocking. I hadn't thought too much about a “passive” salvation where the rescue-encounter with God is just expected or settled for. A “oh, I guess I should let God save my life, everyone says how good that is...” attitude. I can't imagine a person hanging from cliff clutching to that proverbial tree twig saying, “what took you so long,” or “get on with it, I've got dinner plans tonight!” Like it's the rescuer's job to save you, so they should just do it? Isn't there an element, a longing, a humbleness in searching and coming to the end of yourself and actually NEEDING God? This is how I feel about David's words, “love your salvation.” I saw it at fifteen and I still see it in my fifties. And, I completely agree...God is great!

## oratio

Dad,

Of course I am thankful. I knew exactly who I was when you found me and made the offer of salvation. I know even more now how desperate I am for your grace, mercy and rescuing power in my life. With that, there is enormous gratitude. I still seek and knock and pursue your salvation - not for earning or denying your grace, but in holy pursuit of knowing you and being obedient to your will.

## contemplatio

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root