

DAY 3 — Thankful for God's Protection

Verse: “*The Lord is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.*” — *Psalms 91:2*

Most of the time, we only think about God's protection when something dramatic happens.

A near accident.

A close call.

A bad situation that somehow worked out.

But the truth is, God protects us constantly — even in ways we never see, never understand, and may never know about this side of Heaven.

Think about how many moments in your life had to line up *just right* for you to be here today:

- the detour that kept you off a dangerous road
- the delay that frustrated you but protected you
- the friend who called at the exact moment you needed them
- the closed door that saved you from walking into something harmful
- the heartbreak that actually saved your future

Sometimes God says “no” because He's protecting you.

Sometimes He says “wait” because He's shielding you.

Sometimes He allows something to fall apart because He sees what you don't — that it wasn't strong enough to hold you.

We often thank God for what we *know* He did.

But we rarely thank Him for the thousand things He did behind the scenes...

...the things that didn't happen

...the things that missed us

...the things that could have broken us but didn't.

Every day, God is blocking dangers we never saw, rerouting struggles we were never meant to face, and silencing storms before they ever reached us. That's not coincidence. That's protection.

So today, be thankful for His covering — the visible and the invisible. The protection you recognized... and the protection you never even noticed.

You are not walking through this world alone.

You are guarded by the One who sees the whole picture — past, present, and future.

And if God is your fortress, nothing gets to you without passing through Him first.

Lord, today we pause to thank You for Your protection — the kind we see and the kind we don't. Thank You for watching over our families, our homes, our travels, our hearts, and our minds. Thank You for every closed door that protected us, every delay that redirected us, and every moment You shielded us without us even knowing it.

Help us trust Your timing, Your decisions, and Your covering — even when we don't understand it. Remind us that we are never alone and never unprotected because You are our refuge and fortress.

We are grateful for every unseen mercy You've given us.

In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.