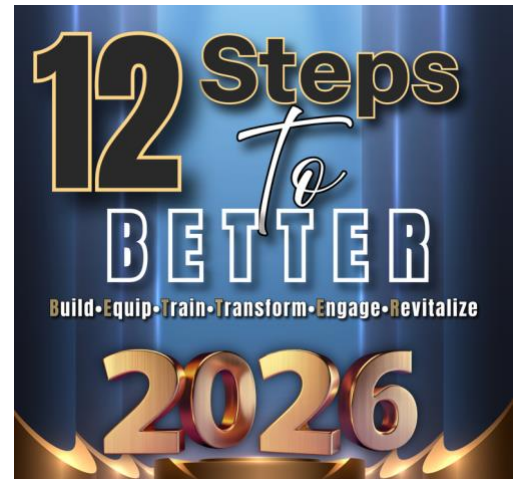


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“STEP 2: SEEK A HIGHER POWER” BEYOND THE STARS – PART 2

Wednesday in the Word
February 25, 2026

God is...

As we close this conversation this month, we remember that God is our Higher Power. In fact, God is the Highest Power. As we journey through the rest of the year, remember God is with you.

To the Chief Musician. [A Psalm] of the sons of Korah, set to treble voices. A song.

GOD IS our Refuge and Strength [mighty *and* impenetrable to temptation], a very present *and* well-proved help in trouble. **Psalm 46:1 (AMP)**

God

The central figure in this verse, depicted as a refuge and source of strength. The Hebrew word for God here is “Elohim,” emphasizing His power and might.

Refuge

A place of safety and protection. In the Hebrew context, “refuge” (machaseh) implies a shelter from danger or distress.

Strength

Represents God’s power and ability to sustain and support His people. The Hebrew word (**oz**) conveys might and fortitude.

Ever-present Help

Indicates God’s constant availability and readiness to assist. The Hebrew term (**meod**) suggests an abundance or exceeding presence.

Times of Trouble

Refers to periods of distress or adversity. The Hebrew word (**tsarah**) is used, meaning affliction or hardship.

I. God is Our Protection

Psalm 9:9

- A. When life feels overwhelming, we can run to Him for safety and peace.
- B. A refuge is not just a place of escape; it is a place of renewal.

II. God is Our Power

Nahum 1:7

- A. God doesn’t just shield us. He empowers us.
- B. When we feel weak, He fills us with His might.
- C. His strength is not just for our survival but for our victory.

III. God is Always Present

Psalm 46:1

- A. He is not distant or indifferent.
- B. He walks with us in the fire, stands beside us in the storm, and carries us through the trials.

Final thoughts:

God's Power is Unmatched

- No force, problem, or fear is greater than our God. He reigns above all.

God's Presence Brings Peace

- When we trust in Him, we can rest, knowing that He is in control.

Let's hold onto this truth: **God is with us, now and always.**

Application Questions:

1. How have you experienced God as a refuge in your own life during challenging times?
2. In what ways does the concept of God being "ever-present" impact your daily life and decision-making?
3. Reflect on a moment when you felt God's strength supporting you through a difficult situation. How did this experience shape your faith?

