

Get in the Black

Read Psalm 46:1-8

Encouragement for the day – *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*

Psalm 46:1 KJV

The words came over the radio loud and clear; “get in the black, there is a fire below you heading your way.” The team of wildland firefighters knew what to do. They immediately went to a place of safety, the area that wildland firefighters refer to as “the black.” This area of previously burned vegetation offers safety for firefighters when a fire threatens to overtake them. On this particular fire, the firefighters deployed their shelters and awaited help from their fellow firefighters. The help came and the fire was extinguished. All the firefighters were found safe and had a new profound appreciation for their place of refuge.

Where do firefighters go when life seems to be spiraling out of control? The stress of our service to the community is leading some to suicide, alcoholism, drug abuse and divorce in greater numbers than we have ever seen before. While most firefighters shy away from religious conversations in the firehouse, truth is God is right there willing to help those who ask for it. The Psalmist reminds us that God is our refuge in those times of trouble. When life begins to come crashing down on us we should not fear but rather run to our safe zone. Jesus Christ wants to help us and He has the power and strength to carry us through. Christian firefighters would do well to daily lean upon Jesus in order to be prepared for the storms of life. Daily reading, studying and memorizing the Word of God will prepare us for when we find ourselves face to face with danger. May we all be found in that safe place all the days of our lives.

Lord thank you for the safety you provide me each and every day. May I always look to you for my strength and my hope.

Encouraging firefighters to keep the faith!!

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