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# BLANKET

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## > *Psalm 73:28* <

But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge:  
I will tell of all your deeds.

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Do you have a blanket? I mean a real blanket. Not something you just bought at the store a year or two ago but an old, worn down, beat up blanket. I do and I have had it since I was born. My great grandmother made it for me and it's been one of the few constants in my life ever since. I used it as a little boy, as a teenager, through college, and we still use it now in my family with my kids today! There's just something about those types of blankets; when you cover up in them you feel pure warmth wrap its arms around you and everything is just perfect.

John Wesley, a minister and founder of the Methodist church felt God in this very same way as he was listening to someone talk about the change that God works in our heart through faith. Wesley said: "I felt my heart strangely warmed." There is something so special when we are strangely warmed by the love and presence of our God.

The psalmist tells us that it's good to be near God, and that God is his refuge. The word refuge literally means a place to take safe cover from storms and danger. So many times in our lives we feel lost, confused, angry, and scared as life storms around us. It's in these moments where we have the opportunity to let God wrap us up in God's love. Surrounding us with His good and unending love, God warms us, protects us, and gives us shelter from the storm.

### **Go and Do**

The next time you find yourself in the midst of hard times, I want to encourage you to find something that brings you great comfort. Maybe it's a blanket or a favorite pair of pajama pants. Whatever it is, wrap yourself up in them and picture the warm loving arms of God holding you close and safe from whatever is happening outside. Remember that God is your refuge and your shelter in the storm.

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