

"A Defiant Faith"
Psalm 56 and 57

We Acknowledge the Reality of Opposition - Jo 15:8; 16:33; II Tim 3:12; 4:7; I Pet 4:12; 5:10;
I Jo 3:13; Jude 16

- We live in a fallen/sinful world
- God has determined that opposition/tension is in our best interest - Ja 1:2-4; I Pet 5:10
 - ...it makes a faith choice possible - Heb 11:6
 - ...it is used to teach/discipline us - Heb 12:7-11
 - ...it is used to mature/grow us up - Heb 2:10; I Pet 5:10
- We live in two realms at once - Jo 15:19; 16:33; 17:11-14
 - ...these two realms are at war - II Cor 10:3-5

We Call Upon God

- Often in defiance of our "souls" (our mental and emotional state)
- Faith that defies appearances and defeats enemies is faith in...
 - ...God's Grace/Mercy - Ps 56:1; 57:1
 - We fight with humility - Is 66:2; Ps 34:8
 - ...God's Sympathetic Omniscience - Ps 56:8; Heb 4:13,15; 2:18
 - We fight with honesty
 - ...God's Final Justice - Ps 57:1; Ps 73:17-20; Rev 20:11-21:4
 - We fight with hope
 - ...God's Ever "For Us" Love - Ps 56:9; I Jo 4:19; Ro 8:31-39
 - We fight with the overcoming love of God - I Jo 5:10

We Crown Him Lord

- In the prayer of faith that relies on His character - Ps 56:1
- In the defiant shout of praise that claims "This is my Father's World!" - Ps 56:4, 12; 57:5,7
- In our tears - Ps 56:8