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When I Called

Will you come and cry out to me? Will you ask me for all that you need? Why would I not come and cry out to you? Why would I fail to ask you for all that I need? **That's a very good question that you need to think about long and hard.** Why is that? **Haven't you been reluctant to come and ask me for all that you need?** Yes, that is true. **Do you have any thoughts on the subject?** There are a variety of possible reasons why I have not come and asked you for all that I need. **Let me hear them.** I'm not saying that I have any good reasons. **I understand.** Some of my reasons are so bad that I don't really want to repeat them out loud. **Go ahead anyway.** I have not always come and asked for your help because my pride has told me that I don't need your help. I have foolishly thought that I could rely on myself to handle all of my problems. **How has that worked out for you?** Without your help I have been weak and faint hearted in many of my efforts. I have been unable to accomplish all that you have given me to do for you. **There is a reason for that.** What's that? **It is my plan that you will rely on me to accomplish what I have given you to do in life. There is no way that you will ever feel strong and bold and confident without me. Would it serve you well if I allowed you to live your life confidently and boldly without me?** No, it would not. **Your weakness is meant to cause you to come to rely on my strength. I will be your strength. I will be your boldness. I will be your confidence. Would you like that?** Yes, I would. **Let me hear one more of your reasons for not asking for all that you need from me.** I'm sorry to say that I have wondered if you would hear and answer my prayer. **Wondered?** I have doubted that you would hear and answer my prayer. **How does that sound to you?** It sounds terrible. I ask you to forgive me for not coming to you with faith to ask you for all that I need. **You have been and are forgiven. What do you want instead?** I would like my faith in you to be strong. I would like to pray bold prayers. I would like to ask for all that I need from you. **There is only one way for that to happen.** How is that? **Start praying those prayers right now. Do you sense that there may be a relationship between your power in life and your power in prayer?** I have never thought about prayer that way, until now. **Now, is a good time to know that this is true, isn't it?** Yes, it is. **What do you want to do differently as a result of hearing from me?** I want to give you thanks and praise to you for speaking to me. I want to rejoice in knowing that you are watching over me and caring for my life. I want to begin to come and make known to you all that I need. I want to rely fully on you. I want to pray bold and confident prayers with the knowledge that you will hear and answer me. You will make me bold and confident and strong. You will make me able to do all that you have given me to do for you. **Yes, I will as you come to rely on me.**

Lord, thank you that I can humbly come and cry out to you. That is exactly what I will do. I will not rely on my own strength and abilities. Instead, I will rely on you. You hear and answer my prayer. You make me strong and bold as I follow and serve you. Amen

Promises *You Answered Me*

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NIV Psalm 138:3-6

Promises *You Answer Me*

As soon as I pray, you answer me; you encourage me by giving me strength. Every king in all the earth will thank you, LORD, for all of them will hear your words. Yes, they will sing about the LORD's ways, for the glory of the LORD is very great. Though the LORD is great, he cares for the humble, but he keeps his distance from the proud.

NLT Psalm 138:3-6

Promises *You Answered Me*

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

NRSV Psalm 138:3-6

Promises *You Answered Me*

In the day when I called, You answered me; and You strengthened me with strength (might and inflexibility to temptation) in my inner self. All the kings of the land shall give You credit and praise You, O Lord, for they have heard of the promises of Your mouth [which were fulfilled]. Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord and joyfully celebrate His mighty acts, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, yet has He respect to the lowly [bringing them into fellowship with Him]; but the proud and haughty He knows and recognizes [only] at a distance.

AMP Psalm 138:3-6

Promises *You Answered Me*

On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold with strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O LORD, When they have heard the words of Your mouth. And they will sing of the ways of the LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is exalted, Yet He regards the lowly, But the haughty He knows from afar.

NASB Psalm 138:3-6

Promises *You Answered Me*

On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

ESV Psalm 138:3-6

Promises *You Answered Me*

In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, When they hear the words of Your mouth. Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD. Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar.

NKJV Psalm 138:3-6

Promises *You Stepped In*

The moment I called out, you stepped in; you made my life large with strength. When they hear what you have to say, GOD, all earth's kings will say "Thank you." They'll sing of what you've done: "How great the glory of GOD!" And here's why: GOD, high above, sees far below; no matter the distance, he knows everything about us.

MSG Psalm 138:3-6

Promises *You Answer Me*

When I pray, you answer me and encourage me by giving me the strength I need. Every king in all the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for all of them shall hear your voice. Yes, they shall sing about Jehovah's glorious ways, for his glory is very great. Yet though he is so great, he respects the humble, but proud men must keep their distance.

TLB Psalm 138:3-6

Promises *You Answered Me*

On the day I called to you, you answered me. You made me strong and brave. LORD, let all the kings of the earth praise you when they hear the words you speak. They will sing about what the LORD has done, because the LORD'S glory is great. Though the LORD is supreme, he takes care of those who are humble, but he stays away from the proud.

NCV Psalm 138:3-6

You Answered Me

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Psalm 138:3-6

In Context: *Read Psalm 138*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, thank you that I can humbly come and cry out to you. That is exactly what I will do. I will not rely on my own strength and abilities. Instead, I will rely on you. You hear and answer my prayer. You make me strong and bold as I follow and serve you. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you humbly called out to God to ask Him for His help?

When has pride in your own strength and abilities caused you to not ask for the Lord's help?

How has the Lord strengthened your heart and made you bold as you have relied on Him?

How has the Lord heard and answered your prayers as you have called out to Him?

When has your heart been filled with thanks and praise because you have heard from the Lord?

How has the Lord shown you His words and His ways as you have met with Him in His word?

How encouraging is it for you to know that the Lord is looking down on you and caring for you?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Rely on God and humbly call out to Him so that He can make you strong and bold for Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that God will make you strong and bold as you rely on Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how God has made you strong and bold as you have called out to Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you humbly call out to God in prayer so that He can strengthen your heart and make you bold for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will humbly call out to you in prayer so that I can be made strong and bold for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to make me strong and bold as I rely on you today?
