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LOFT LETTER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FAITH YOUTH

HAPPENINGS THIS MONTH:

LOFT: Thursdays from
7pm-9pm.

Sunday Morning Bible Study:
Sundays from 9:15am - 10:15 am
in the LOFT.

NYG Get Together: Sunday,
June 9th, in the LOFT.

NYG Youth Sunday: Sunday,
June 16th.

LOFT Summer Party: Thursday,
June 20th, 7p.m. - 9p.m. This will
be our summer celebration and
Sloane's final LOFT.

PSALM 46

With the National Youth Gathering just around the corner I thought we could spend some time reflecting on the theme passage for the Gathering.



Real.

God is Real...Psalm 46:1-3

**Real People...Real Problems
Real Life is Broken & Messy**

Because Jesus is real, I can be real

This Psalm opens up with a reminder of who God is. He is our refuge and strength. And we will need that reminder because we are human. We live a life that has disorder. It gets messy. Things don't always work the way they should. Real life is broken. We need to be reminded that we aren't in this alone. We have Jesus to help and guide us. We don't have to pretend with Jesus. We can be real because He is real.

Present.

God is Present...Psalm 46:4-7

**God is present in His Word
God is present in His people**

God's presence is our refuge and strength no matter what

We know that God is present because we have His promises and we trust His Word. His Word is faithful and true, we must take refuge in that. A refuge is a place. It has a location. A refuge is where people feel free and safe. A refuge is a haven, a sanctuary of sorts. It is where one goes when they feel weak and are looking for strength. God gives us this kind of refuge and strength no matter what. No matter what you have done or not done and no matter what circumstance you find yourself in or what is happening around you. God is

Real. God is Present. Always.

God.

God is God...Psalm 46:8-11

**God is all powerful
God is all personal**

And this God is for us in Jesus

God is God. Your circumstance isn't. You're not. Sports isn't. Nothing else gets to be God. God is God. And God is utterly and absolutely unique. God is all powerful. We see this in the last stanza of Psalm 46. God is able to bring devastation and destruction. But He doesn't always exercise His power this way. God uses His power to stop battles. To make wars cease. To shatter bows and cut spears. He is the commander of angel armies. He gives orders to many. He is far bigger and stronger than we've ever imagined. He is all personal.

We hold the tension that while God is all powerful, He is also all personal. He isn't just a big, faraway, standoffish powerhouse. He is near. He is intimate. He knows your name. He knows the number of hairs on your head. He loves you. He knows your circumstance and He knows it intimately and He is your refuge when you need it. God is by your side and on your side. God is Real. God is Present. God is God.

Forever and ever. Amen.