

TCE daily devotions DAY THREE (Monday)

*I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who **keeps** Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your **keeper**; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will **keep** you from all evil; he will **keep** your life. The Lord will **keep** your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. (Psalm 121)*

The Hebrew root word translated “**keep**” means to guard, to protect, to take care of someone or something. It implies looking out for someone else’s best interests, keeping another from harm or injury, watching out for his or her welfare. In order to “**keep**” someone in this way, you must pay attention. You have to intentionally regard the other seriously, personally, continually. You have to care.

God cared for Abraham. God cared for Nicodemus. God cared for Jesus. God cares for me. Faith is living like you are God’s person. Faith is living your life trusting God every day. Faith includes living by God’s rules and trusting God to love you and forgive you when you mess up. Faith means living like Jesus.

God is my **keeper**—in a good way. God **keeps** me constantly in sight, protecting me always. God **keeps** me from evil. God **keeps** me surrounded by care and provision when I am awake and while I sleep.

FAITH KEEPS YOU *strong*
TRIALS KEEP YOU *humble*
FLAWS KEEP YOU *human*
HOPE KEEPS YOU *walking*
and God keeps you going.

How have you done in acting like your brother or sister's **keeper** on the choir tour so far? Who are you guarding or protecting this week? _____

In these next few moments, open your heart to God. He wants to see more than change in you, but transformation—something truly new.

PRAY: God's light is powerful, revealing
The way to new life,
A new birth by the power of the Spirit.
Walk into your day, then, with new questions
Received with infinite love,
Leading towards a life of righteousness.
God's steadfast care will provide.

**This
Changes
Everything!**

