



[John 15:4-5](#)

(4) Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. (5) "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

[Psalm 59:9-10](#)

(9) I will wait for You, O You his Strength;
For God *is* my defense.
(10) My God of mercy shall come to meet me;
God shall let me see *my desire* on my enemies.

[Psalm 59:16-17](#)

(16) But I will sing of Your power;
Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;
For You have been my defense
And refuge in the day of my trouble.
(17) To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises;
For God *is* my defense,
My God of mercy.
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[Jesus Christ](#) is our Mediator ([1 Timothy 2:5](#)), the connection, the bridge, between [God](#) and us. Spiritual enablement flows from God through Him to us. God's power and God's [faithfulness](#) are the issues that are of supreme importance to us in these critical times. Are we constantly cognizant of the fact that our [salvation](#) lies in His hands? He has the power to save.

Notice how [David](#) expressed this in a psalm written during a time of serious trouble for

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him: "For look, they lie in wait for my life; the mighty gather against me, not for my transgression nor for my [sin](#), O LORD" ([Psalm 59:3](#)). David feared the threat of [murder](#) in a situation in which he was innocent. Verses 9-10 carry his thoughts further: "I will wait for You, O You his Strength; for God is my defense. My God of [mercy](#) shall come to meet me; God shall let me see my desire on my enemies." Here, David's confidence rises because he believes in God's awareness and strength - which is strong enough to put down nations, let alone a small band of enemies. He also recalls God's mercy toward those who serve Him.

Verses 16-17 show that his thoughts extend one step further: "But I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; for You have been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble. To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for God is my defense, the God of my mercy." These final two verses summarize why he trusts God, and conclude in a strong affirmation of David's [faith](#). He trusts God because of the combination of God's strengths, His power, combined with His mercy and His will to use them in behalf of those who trust Him.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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