

2—Never Be Ashamed

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INTRO:

I. → Psalms 25:1-21

*1 Unto you, Lord, I **lift up** my soul.*

*My God, I **trust** in you;*

*do not let me be **ashamed**,*

do not let my enemies triumph over me.

→ *3 Also, all who **hope** in you*

*will **never be ashamed**.*

***Ashamed** will be those*

who are treacherous without cause.

→ *19 See how numerous are my enemies*

and how violently they hate me!

***Guard** my life and **rescue** me.*

→ *20 Do not let me be **ashamed**,*

*for I **take refuge** in you.*

*Let integrity and uprightness **protect** me,*

*because I **hope** in you.*

III. Heb (*bosh*) shamed, disappointed, confounded

IV. Hebrew Honor (*kabod*) vs Greek Good Report (*eulogeo*)

BODY:

I. Trust in Failure

Heb (*batach*) trust, be bold, confident, secure

*2 My God, I **trust** in you;*

do not let me be shamed,

*do not let my enemies **triumph** over me.*

- A. Shame is the loss of esteem in the eyes of others.
- 1) **Philippians 2:6-7**
Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. (NKJV)
 - 2) IN ANCIENT WARTIME REPUTATION WAS EVERYTHING
- B. Without failure in life there is no growth or change.
- 1) **2 Corinthians 12:10**
That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
 - 2) FORGETTING THE PLAY AT MONTANA STATE

2. Hope in Accusation

Heb (*qavah*) wait, hope, expect
*3 Also, all who **hope** in you will never be ashamed. Ashamed will be those who are **treacherous** without cause.*

- A. Sometime other people put blame where it does not belong.
- 1) **Ezekiel 18:20**
The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them.
 - 2) TAKING ON THE SHAME OF OUR FAMILY
- B. But the most important opinion is what God thinks.
- 1) **1 Peter 2:23**
When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.
 - 2) LOSING THE LAWSUIT—FOR NOT SUING BACK

III. Refuge in Integrity

Heb (*khacah*) take refuge, flee for protection

20 Do not let me be shamed,

*for I take **refuge** in you.*

*Let **integrity** and uprightness protect me,*

*because I **hope** in you.*

A. Integrity is who you are whether anyone knows it.

1) **Romans 8:31-33**

If God is for us, who can be against us? . . . Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

2) FINDING FORESTER—HIS OWN WORDS

B. There is no greater protection than the love of the Lord.

1) **Romans 5:5**

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

2) JESUS STANDING FOR US