

Corporate-Cell Ministry Relationship 8**Intentional Interruption****Text: Ps.61:2**

Introduction: The previous message (prior to Mother's Day) addressed how God instructed Israel to intentionally do things to experience ministry by memory. They named seven major feasts in Leviticus 23. An eighth was added between the Old and New Testament period call Hanukah. This message address intentional interruption shown in Psalm 61:2.

Its comparable to the Emergency Alert System (EAS). It is a national public warning system commonly used by state and local authorities to deliver important emergency information, such as weather and AMBER alerts, to affected communities for public safety. It can be used by the President for national emergency. It authorizes intentional interruption.

The psalmist expresses the same intentional interruption when things are overwhelming.
(Intentional means deliberate, calculated, conscious, done on purpose).

- Psalm 61 is considered a Matins psalm: The word "matins" is derived from Latin adjective *matutinus*, meaning "of or belonging to the morning". It was at first applied to the psalms recited at dawn, but later became attached to the prayer originally offered, according to the fourth-century Apostolic Constitutions, at cockcrow and, according to the sixth-century Rule of Saint Benedict, calculated to be the eighth hour of the night (the hour that began at about 2 am (From Wikipedia).
- Matins is chanted and sung, and through its hymnody reveals the theology of the Church.
(Theology: the study of the nature of God and religious belief).

The psalmist reveals a threefold theological conviction in v2.

1. God hears *wherever* you are—"From the end of the earth..."—v2a.
2. God will respond *whenever* your heart is overwhelmed (faint or feeble)—"Whenever *my* heart..."—v2b.
3. God leads to a strong and higher place—"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."—v2c.
 - When facing tough times or the thought of such, apply spiritual EAS, chant, sing, etc. It would be compatible with Paul's admonition in II Cor. 10:3-5.
 - In scripture the Lord is often referred to as the rock.
 1. Song of Moses, Deut. 32:4.
 2. David speaks of Jehovah as his Rock—Ps.18:2 (a symbol of strength and security), II Sam.22:32.
 3. Daniel speaks of the stone not cut with hands—Dan.2:44-45.
 4. The rock (Jesus) issued life sustaining power—I Cor.10:3-4.

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