

AUGUST 10

“ ‘HE RESTORETH MY SOUL’ SHOULD BE YOUR HEART’S DAILY CRY.”

READ

Acts 14:19-22, Psalm 19:7-11

“We must by many tribulations enter the kingdom of God,” was Paul’s encouragement to strengthen his flock’s faith. Paul was not moved by the things he had suffered; his first priority was the health and faith of believers. His faith was in Jesus, not in people. He wanted the believers’ faith to be strong. He sought to always strengthen them body, soul and spirit. Body is the part we wrestle with every day, to be presented as a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable to the Lord. Every day you need to crucify your flesh and deny your earthly desires. The spirit of man is the capacity I have to know God. To renew my spirit, I must cling to that part of me that wants to know God and to walk uprightly. The soul is enough of the body and the spirit combined to make me aware and to evaluate how I feel. The soul waxes and wanes. It needs to be strengthened to seek after and worship God. We must be encouraged to be strong. “He restoreth my soul,” should be your heart’s daily cry. God’s Word is our strength. Psalm 19 promises, “The law of the Lord is perfect for restoring my soul.”

PRAY

Lord, give me a hunger for Your Word. May I delight in Your Word and hide it in my heart. Use the tribulation in my life to convert me body, soul, and spirit into who You created me to be. Restore my soul.

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