

↑ Look up



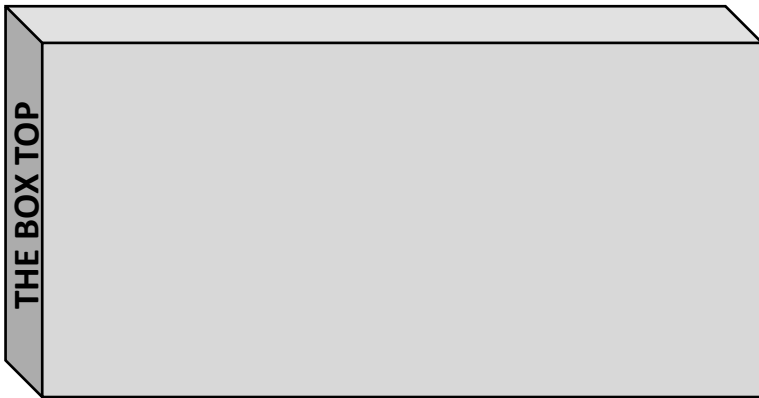
Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV)

A song of ascents.

*¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?*

*² My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

**Prayer isn't about prayer;
it's about PRESENCE.**



John 14:15, 21 (NIV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, keep my commands.

²¹ "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

**In Jesus, we find a LOVE
we never have to question.**

Psalm 34:4-5 (NIV)

*⁴ I sought the Lord, and
he answered me;
he delivered me from all
my fears.*

*⁵ Those who look to him
are radiant;
their faces are never
covered with shame.*

How to begin LOOKING to Jesus as Lord:

- 1) Look BACK: Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Look WITHIN: Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Look AHEAD: Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

For Further Reflection:

:: What is one way you've sought to look to Jesus in this unique season? What happened as a result?

:: Share how you, or someone you know, has experienced the presence of God.

:: Pastor Shawn shared how we can look to Jesus as we know, love, trust and obey. What part of that process is easiest for you? What is the hardest part?

:: Read John 14:15-21.

:: What does Jesus say about love & obedience?

:: What are some practical implications of what he says?

:: What does it look like to demonstrate love and obedience in daily life?

:: What part of Hannah's story was most meaningful to you? Why?

:: What is one thing you can do this week to LOOK UP and experience Jesus and his love more fully?

:: Ask someone you trust to pray for you as you seek to take that next step.

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