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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HCS?

January 31 - ****NID for High School Only - Regular elementary classes in session**

February 1 - (Tuesday) Skating for Grade 4/5

February 2 - (Wednesday) Skating for Grade 9/10

February 7 -High School end of Semester Report Cards go home



Staffing Prayer Request and Updates:

As many of you know, in the fall, Ed Kronmeyer underwent surgery to remove a cancerous tumour. He was able to return to work very soon afterwards and his recovery went well. Ed received some results from his oncologist earlier this week and shares the update below:

Earlier this week, Fran and I met with the oncologist by video conference and unfortunately the cancer I had, has spread to some lymph nodes etc. As before, the type of cancer I have has a 95% cure rate, but the spread does mean I need to go into a cycle of IV chemotherapy. This treatment has the potential for me to be very fatigued and possibly sick as side effects. In addition, the effect of the chemo on my immune system will mean I have to be away from school for a significant time frame. I am trusting that the high cure rate is accurate and so I am completely hopeful and thankful in that. So again the logistics of all of this is the thing that will have to be muddled through as far as work and travel to Smithers etc. I am the process of digging into that now.

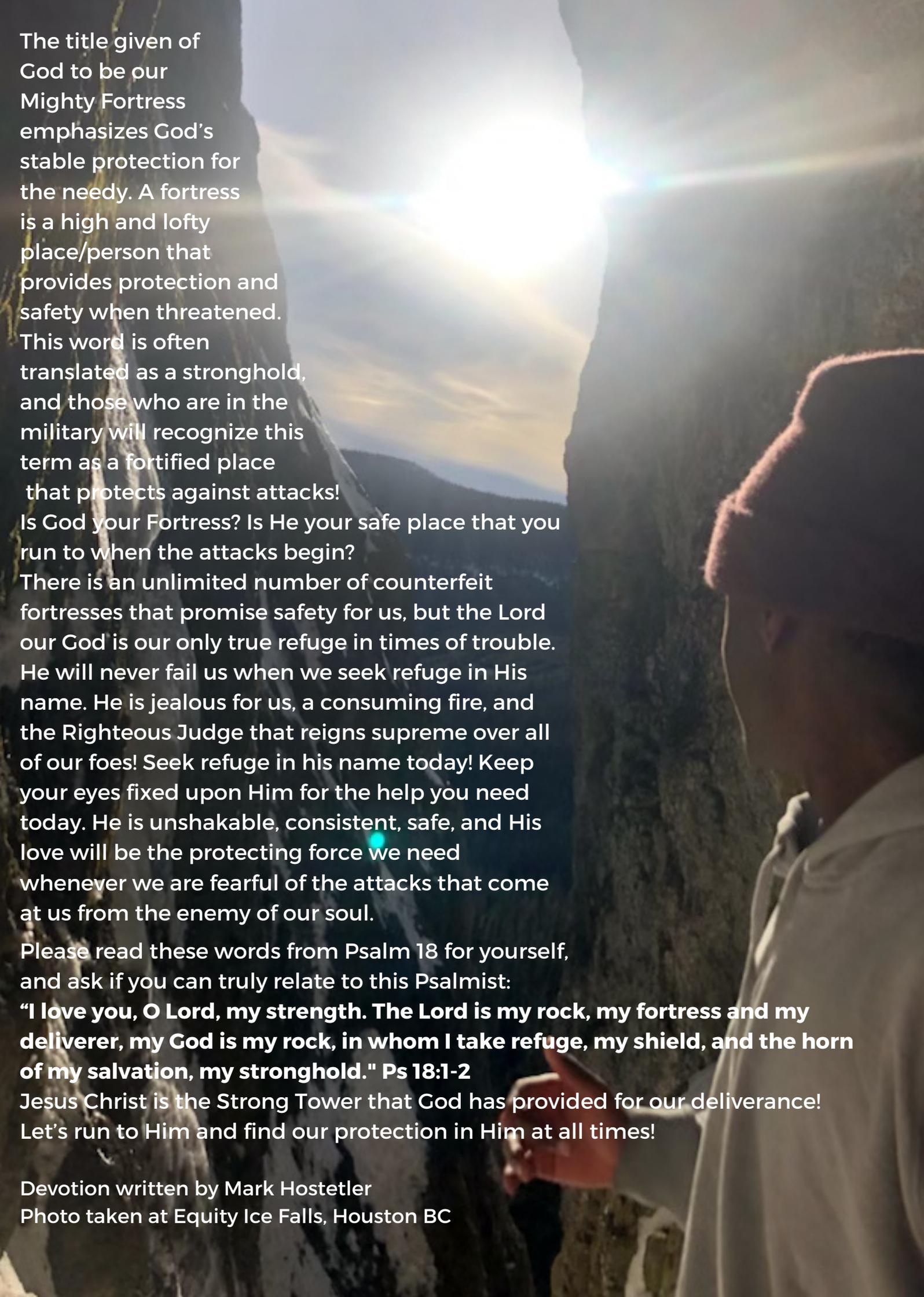
Please remember Ed and Fran and their family in your prayers.

Dear beloved HCS community,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce that I have made the decision to move to Nova Scotia at the end of this school year to be closer to my family. It has not been an easy decision for me to make, as I have loved (beyond words) being a member of this school community. Thank you so much for the words of encouragement and support you have given me over the years. It has truly been a huge blessing to me!

With much love,
Robin Vander Heide



A man in a white shirt is shown in profile, looking out over a vast mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, hazy glow that silhouettes the mountains and the man's head. The scene is peaceful and contemplative.

The title given of God to be our Mighty Fortress emphasizes God's stable protection for the needy. A fortress is a high and lofty place/person that provides protection and safety when threatened. This word is often translated as a stronghold, and those who are in the military will recognize this term as a fortified place that protects against attacks!

Is God your Fortress? Is He your safe place that you run to when the attacks begin?

There is an unlimited number of counterfeit fortresses that promise safety for us, but the Lord our God is our only true refuge in times of trouble. He will never fail us when we seek refuge in His name. He is jealous for us, a consuming fire, and the Righteous Judge that reigns supreme over all of our foes! Seek refuge in his name today! Keep your eyes fixed upon Him for the help you need today. He is unshakable, consistent, safe, and His love will be the protecting force we need whenever we are fearful of the attacks that come at us from the enemy of our soul.

Please read these words from Psalm 18 for yourself, and ask if you can truly relate to this Psalmist:

"I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Ps 18:1-2

Jesus Christ is the Strong Tower that God has provided for our deliverance! Let's run to Him and find our protection in Him at all times!

Devotion written by Mark Hostetler

Photo taken at Equity Ice Falls, Houston BC