

Response to hardship

- I have everything I need

Psalm 16

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What is David's approach in response to this hardship?

**1. Sufficiency and refuge in God alone
(v.1-2)**

**2. Resist idolatries that 'medicate' our
hurt (v.4)**

**IF TRUMP WINS I AM LEAVING
THE COUNTRY.
IF BIDEN WINS I AM LEAVING
THE COUNTRY.
THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL
POST. I JUST WANT TO
TRAVEL.**

What is David's approach in response to this hardship?

3. Knowing there is nothing else I need (v.5-6)

4. Seek counsel and guidance (v.7)

5. Keeping focus on God (v.8)

6. Positive about the future (v.9-11)

- Allowed him to not be overcome by his circumstances

I hear His whisper – I will carry you

When you are weary and cannot seem to find a way to connect to my presence, reach for me, and I will carry you. When all you can do is bow low and whisper with faint surrender, I am there. I never dismiss your cries for help. I hear every movement of your heart toward me. I'm here, beloved. Lean back into my arms and give me every care, every worry, all of your pain. I am here, and I will continue to carry you in my presence.

In your weakness, I am strong. I don't fault you for being affected by these trials that have sought to destroy you. Instead, I smother your weakness with my strength and draw you near. I hold hope in my hands and will massage it ever so gently into your heart. In my presence, you will find relief. In my arms, you will find comfort. I will pour out my love so profusely, you will be consumed with peace again. I will carry you beyond the threshold of pain into a beautiful place of victory.

Application – your response to any circumstance of hardship and difficulties

- **Find sufficiency and refuge in God alone**
- **Resist idolatries that medicate hurt**
- **Know there is nothing else you need**
- **Receive counsel & guidance from God**
- **Keeping focus on God**
- **Positive about the future**