## May 8 Questions

| 1) | David's psal   | ms. Psalm 31 was             | a favorite of se | veral biblical characters   | 5               | prayer                  |
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|    | references i   | it (Jonah 2:8),              | reca             | alled it (Jer 20:10), and _ | I               | ast words repeated      |
|    | it: "Into your hand I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46). This psalm of faith is a message of              |                              |                  |                             |                 |                         |
|    |  | to us wh                     | en we're batte   | red and bruised by the      | storms of life  | e. It calls us to be of |
|    | good   | and to be                    | k                | y David's example and       | experience. I   | David found God to      |
|    | be a refuge in time of trouble, and he urges us to put our trust in God. We can say with joy, "Oh,     |                              |                  |                             |                 |                         |
|    | how abunda   | ant is your goodne           | ss, which you h  | nave stored up for those    | who             | you" (Ps                |
|    | 31:19a). Psalm 37 is a balm for anyone who has been frustrated or disheartened by the prosperity of    |                              |                  |                             |                 |                         |
|    | the  | "Don't                       | over evildo      | pers," God says, "They f    | lourish for a   | time, but rest          |
|    | assured the  | ir day is coming. T          | hey will wither  | like the g                  | rass. You wil   | l look around for       |
|    |  |                              |                  | III enter their own heart   |                 |                         |
|    | and their po   | sterity will be cut          | off. Rather tha  | n envy the wicked, let n    | ne tell you w   | hat I want you to       |
|    | do   | in me and do ${\mathfrak g}$ | good             | yourself in me, and         | l I'll give you | the desires of your     |
|    | heart  | your way t                   | o me, and I'll a | ct on your behalf. If you   | ı will          | on me, I'll bring       |
|    | forth your righteousness as the light and your justice as the noonday. I'll exalt you and give you the |                              |                  |                             |                 |                         |
|    | land, and yo   | ou will dwell in pea         | ce forever!"     |                             |                 |                         |