

**Back to School  
Cornerstone Church of Poway  
Pastor Joey Orate  
September 4, 2022**

1. The Lord is our **Protector**

The LORD is my protector; he is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with him I am safe. He protects me like a shield; he defends me and keeps me safe. I call to the Lord, and he saves me from my enemies. Praise the Lord!

**Psalm 18:2-3 (GNT)**

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. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior from violent people you save me. "I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and have been saved from my enemies. **2 Samuel 22:2-3 (NIV)**

May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

**Numbers 6:24-26 (NLT)**

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. **Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV)**

The Lord is my strength and shield.

I trust him with all my heart.

He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy.

I burst out in songs of thanksgiving. **Psalm 28:7 (NLT)**

Don't turn your back on wisdom, for she will protect you. Love her, and she will guard you. Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment. **Proverbs 4:6-7 (NLT)**

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## 2. The Lord is our **Strength**

My flesh and my heart fail; *But God is* the strength of my heart and my portion forever. **Psalm 73:26 (NKJV)**

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. **Psalm 16:8 (NIV)**

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. **Hebrew 12:11 (NIV)**

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## 3. The Lord is our **Joy**

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Romans (15:13 NLT)**

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may overflow! **John 15:11 (NLT)**

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them sing joyful praises forever.  
Spread your protection over them,  
that all who love your name may be filled with joy.  
**Psalm 5:11 (NLT)**

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### **Next Right Steps:**

- [ ] Believe that Jesus is our Protector, Strength, and Joy!
- [ ] Trust in Jesus during the storms of our life.
- [ ] Accept Jesus in my heart as my Lord and Savior!

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**[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]**

**Open in Prayer.**

**Ice breaker:** What are some things that you need in school?

How can those things help you become better?

**1. The Lord is our Protector**

**Read Psalm 18:2-3**

How does God protect you?

**Read Proverbs 4:6-7**

How should you use wisdom in your life?

**2. The Lord is our Strength**

**Read Proverbs 16:8**

Where should we keep our eyes?

**Read Hebrews 12:11**

How can discipline help train you?

### **3. The Lord is our Joy**

**Read Romans 15:13**

How can you overflow with confidence?

**Read Psalm 5:11**

How can loving God and singing His praises bring you joy?

**Close in Prayer:** Trust God this week to protect you, to be your strength, and to overflow you with joy!

**(The Lord is our Protector and is with you always!)**