

Sunday, January 14, 2018
Union Baptist Church, Wilmington
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8a.m. Service
Series:
Sermon: Incarcerated by God

Incarcerated is not something we enjoy talking about.

Psalms 121:1-8 (KJV) ¹I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from?
²My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither
slumber nor sleep. ⁵The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all
harm he will watch over your life;⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now
and forevermore.

When you are Incarcerated, you are restricted. We don't like to be restricted and confined. You don't need a cell to feel Incarcerated. You can be Incarcerated in relationships, finances, and own identity. Being Incarcerated could be a good thing if you are Incarcerated by God. Something has a hold on you and someone is your keeper. There are benefits to being Incarcerated by God.

1. **He is your Supporter.** You get God's support. We tend to look to other things rather than God. They knew their encounters with God we're in high places. The responder confirmed who the help comes from. In every scene and saga in life, you can look to God for help. V. 1 & 2
2. **He is your Sustainer.** He is your keeper. Everything in life isn't going to be stable, but God will keep you. V. 3 – 5
3. **He is your security surveillance.** He watches over you. He preserves your soul. He keeps you alive. V. 6-8