



**General Guidance for Small Community Leaders & Church Family Members –**

This series involves members of our church family giving extended testimony to the way God is enabling them to bear fruit in the seasons of life in which they find themselves.

We've deliberately chosen a variety, to illustrate the reality of 'seasons' in our lives

- Some (like moving to be near the grandchildren) arise naturally
- Others (such as facing illness) come unexpectedly
- Some are welcome seasons
- Others are not

But the point is that God calls us and enables us to bear fruit in EVERY season of life, whether natural or unexpected, welcome or not.

You can watch an introductory video and listen to the session as usual on the resources page on our website: [www.ccweb.org.uk/yog](http://www.ccweb.org.uk/yog)

We are inviting all small communities to use this series to encourage each member to reflect on the season of life they are in at the moment, and how God is calling and enabling them to bear fruit. We hope that everyone will have the chance to share testimony – and be prayed for – in the safety of their small community.

General Questions for the series:

- What season of life are you in?
- In what areas of life is God getting your attention – and how?
- How is God calling and enabling you to bear fruit in the season you're in?

If you're not yet in a small community, please do contact Neil ([Neil.Shepherd@ccweb.org.uk](mailto:Neil.Shepherd@ccweb.org.uk)) – you may want to gather with others informally to share testimony.

On 22 July at both the 10 and the 5 we will be having broader testimony-based input, under the heading 'Harvest Festival', as we seek to 'harvest' the good stories of all that the Lord has been doing in our lives over this 'Year of Growth.' We would be really grateful if you could send us a 30-second taster of your testimony recorded on your phone or other device, by 6<sup>th</sup> July. You can send them to us at: [stories@ccweb.org.uk](mailto:stories@ccweb.org.uk)

You can find specific questions posed by those giving testimony below.

**Gathering & Date** – 10 & 5, 24 June 2018

**Title** – We Walk This Journey Together

**Speaker(s)** – Lucy and Reuben D'Orton Gibson

**Reading** – Psalm 91

<sup>1</sup>Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.<sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>2</sup>I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup>Surely he will save you

from the fowler's snare

and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his feathers,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at midday.

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>You will only observe with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your dwelling,

<sup>10</sup>no harm will overtake you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways;

<sup>12</sup>they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the cobra;  
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>"Because he<sup>is</sup> loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;  
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

<sup>15</sup>He will call on me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honor him.

<sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation."

**Main message of this talk in one sentence** – We've had a season of an unexpected cancer diagnosis and then subsequent treatment. God has been so faithful to us and although in a worldly sense it has been incredibly tough season, from a faith point of view we've never felt closer to God or seen more of his outworking in our lives. He's walked this journey with us, carrying us at times, and He promises to keep walking alongside us.

**Questions** –

1) Lucy talked about the four pillars of what she believes (God is good; nothing is impossible for God;

everything I need was won at the cross; I have significance in the kingdom), what is it that you know to be true that underpins your faith?

2) Reuben and Lucy prayed for a community in Bristol. What is on your heart at the moment to pray for? It doesn't need to be massive, just what one thing would you really like to see in your life that you are praying about?

3) How are you creating an environment for growth and for God to move in your life? Who have you shared that with?