

**Title: I Want to Know What Love Is: God's Love of Protection**

**Text: Psalm 121**

**Date: January 23, 2021**

**WARM-UP QUESTIONS:**

1. Growing up, was there anything that you were scared of (spiders, dark places, strange noises, etc.)? What helped you overcome these fears?
2. Can you recall a time when God protected you from physical harm and danger? How did you feel God's love in that situation?

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

1. Read through Psalm 121 slowly several times. What images or pictures came to mind?
2. Psalm 121 is part of the collection of "Songs of Ascent ", which were hymns recited or sung by pilgrims as they walked toward the city of Jerusalem and worship at the Temple? What dangers or threats might the travelers have encountered along the way? How might the LORD provide protection for them?
3. Pastor Ryan pointed out that the verb translated "guard, watch over, or keep" is used six times. What does God's way of protection reveal about God's character?

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. Write your own hymn for the journey of life you are on at this moment reflecting on God's protection that you need right now
2. As we too travel on the roads of life to our ultimate temple in heaven, how can this Psalm help us on our journey?
3. How can we, as a church, better encourage and bear witness to each other of God's love through God's presence and protection?