

# When our Heart Grows Faint

*Psalm 61.1-8*

## 1. A Testing Situation, vs1-2

- *far from home v2*  
*in unfamiliar surroundings*  
*fighting to defend kingdom*  
*2 Sam 8.1-13*

- *running on fumes v2*  
*exhausted from exertion*  
*nothing left to give*

## 2. A Picture Book of God, vs2-4

- *a high rocky outcrop v2*  
*for greater vision*  
*Jesus is greater than any of us,*  
*our constant inspiration*  
*Eph 1.20-21; Phil 2.9*

- *a purpose built tower v3*  
*for total protection Ps 48.12-14*  
*a refuge for sheltering*

***Ps 9.9 36.1-3; 59.16; 118.18***

- ***a homely tent v4***  
***for welcome fellowship 27.4,8***
- ***a mother bird's wings v4***  
***for intimate care Is 34.15;***  
***Boaz's phrase Ruth 2.12***  
***Ps 17.8-9; 36.7; 57.1; 63.7***

### **3. Undergirding Convictions, v5**

- ***God honours those who are committed to him 1 Sam 2.30***
- ***God has given his people a lasting inheritance***  
***Jews: their land Ps 37.11,29***  
***Priests: God Num 18.20***  
***Christians: Jesus 1 Pet 1.3-4***

### **4. A Prayer for God's King, v6-8**

- ***for others to offer for David vs6-7***
- ***for God's coming Messiah v7***  
***daily obedience, eternal praise v8***