**Psalm 116:1-7, (KJV), emphasis mine, “I love the Lord**, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. **Then** called I upon the name of the Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and **he helped me**.Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.”

**“Digging into the Past” Moment Here: The Psalmist, author of Psalm 116, refers to his "near death experience." However, God saved him. This Psalm is the fourth of the 6 Egyptian Hallels (Psalms 113-118). They are named "Egyptian" because they refer to the salvation of God's people from Egyptian slavery. While the Book of Exodus refers back to this same story, it is primarily about a single man’s trouble, not an entire country's."Hallel"comes from the word \*hallelujah," which is found in verse 19 of this chapter.**

**Comprehensive, crucial, all-encompassing, critical, and central, Psalm 116, a clearly complete cachet, could categorically "cry out" to all calling on the name of Christ.**

**(Are you queasy over all of the "C's" yet?) .....carry on!** **History tells us that David, the Psalmist, was either gravely ill or seriously injured, (in fact, close to death), when God Almighty lifted him up for total healing! Don't you just appreciate the power of the Father?! Don't you just want to shout out loud "Amen!" to the Great Healer!? Or, when trouble assails you…. Do you just want to ‘hunker down’ in ‘fetal position’ in disabling disappointment? King David must have suffered that same quandary. Watch when He "thunders" across the centuries, a gigantic “pivot point” in his soliloquy—“Then** called I upon the name of the Lord!” **(Now, that’s a BIG FOUR LETTER WORD! REALLY BIG!) Don't you just want to clap!!**

**With our great God, nothing ever changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. What He did for King David, He will do for you (and me!). On this superbly sweet, simplistically sensational “Then I called on Him” Wednesday, may we all truly "Love the LORD!”Scream, shriek, screech, sing loud, shout out, squeal, sigh, snivel, squeak, sob or speak to Him, for "he helped me!”**

**“Put your hands together” for King David's words!**

**“Supply a round of applause” for Jesus and His promises!**

**“Give a standing ovation” to our awesome, Great God!**

**And….always, “SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION” to our astonishing, astounding, amazing, awe-inspiring, Almighty Father, grasping …that**

**Because of His Love,**

**We can “call on HIM as long as (we) live,"**

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**{What would we do without Jesus?}**

**Dear Perfect Father, thank You for the promises contained in King David’s words. Thank You for the integrity of Your Word. In calling upon Your Holy name, I am assured that You listen, You care, and You act. Thank You! I hear today of so many illnesses and desperate cases; Lord, help them and heal them. I read of discouragements and disappointments that surround our state and our country; Lord, send Your angels for assistance. I see the desperation in some of my friends; Lord, allow the Holy Spirit to comfort. I am grateful for Your all-encompassing provision and for the specificity of Your “watch care” over me. Protect my fellows and family today; hedge them in under Your wings and Your powerful blood. Forgive my doubt, my disbelief, and my “undirectedness.” Keep me true to Your path. Bring Your Kingdom, and protect Israel. Direct my every thought. I love You forever. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**