

Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: Psalm 18: 39

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Beneath the waters of the Savannah River lies the wreckage of the CSS Georgia. Protected with railroad iron and armed with heavy cannons, this gunboat was thought to be unassailable – incapable of being defeated by Union troops during the Civil War.

Unfortunately, this floating fortress proved useless because of her hidden internal weaknesses. First, she was too heavy for her own steam engines to propel, so she never made it past the entrance to the port. Likewise, she leaked terribly. Pumps were often stretched to the limit just to keep her from sinking. In the end, she barely obstructed enemies from moving up the Savannah River – a far cry from the defensive force she was created to be.

Sadly, this can be a picture of the Christian life. Too many believers focus on how they look on the outside, while inside there are major weaknesses – sin, woundedness, and self-sufficiency.

Don't be shipwrecked. Ask God to make you fit for battle by making you strong in Him. Strengthen your inner person by allowing Him to repair what's broken and by empowering you through His unfailing Holy Spirit. Then you will be the unassailable powerhouse He created you to be.