

The Disappointment Gap

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Psalm 31:19-24 (NLT) *How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world. ²⁰ You hide them in the shelter of your presence, safe from those who conspire against them. You shelter them in your presence, far from accusing tongues. ²² In panic I cried out, "I am cut off from the LORD!" But you heard my cry for mercy and answered my call for help. ²³ the LORD protects those who are loyal to him, but he harshly punishes the arrogant. ²⁴ So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the LORD!*

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