

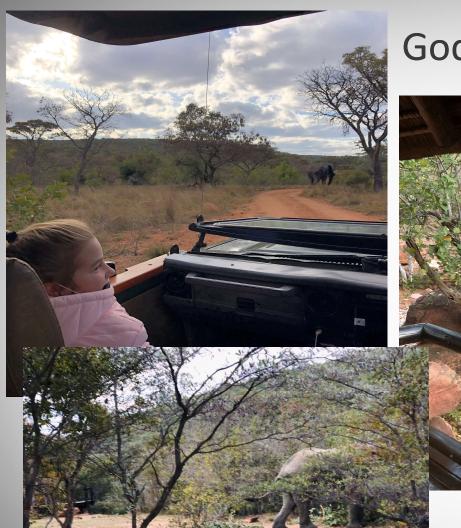
Last week – Return to My First Love

The Elephant in the Room?

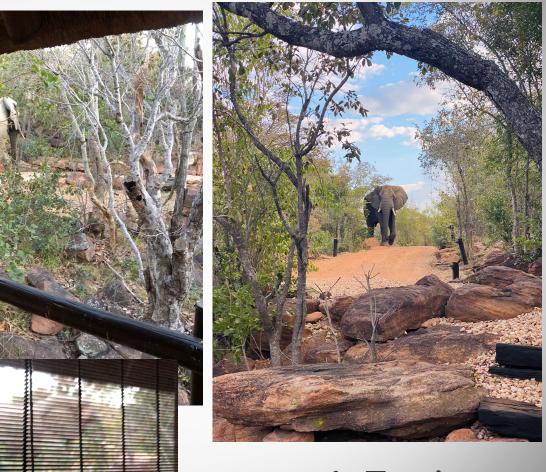
Not today!

WE CAN TRUST GOD THE FATHER

We can trust God, the One Who is part of all of our life.



God is faithful and part of all of our life -



1. Testimony

2. The Word and the Character of the Father:

Psalm 121

This is true for ME

True for MY KIDS

This is TRUE FOR YOU

...Whatever the elephant [danger, fear, intimidation, worry, pressure] in your life is at the moment



Psalm 121 HCSB | The LORD Our Protector

1 I lift my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from? 2 My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not allow your foot to slip; your Protector will not slumber. 4 Indeed, the Protector of Israel does not slumber or sleep. 5 The LORD protects you; the LORD is a shelter right by your side. 6 The sun will not strike you by day or the moon by night.
7 The LORD will protect you from all harm; He will protect your life.
8 The LORD will protect your coming and going both now and forever.

1. God is our protector:

Father, **protector** I Our Father **Psalms 18:2** The Lord is my protector; he is my strong fortress. My God is my protection, and with him I am safe. He protects me like a shield; he defends me and keeps me safe.

With us through **His Spirit** | The Helper and comforter:

PROTECTION PROMISE for a troubled heart

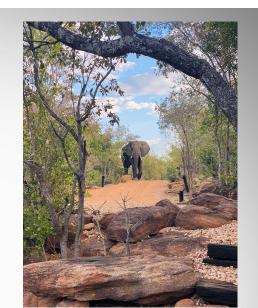
John 14:26 AMP But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor— Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.

2. Our Protector does not sleep:

He does not slumber nor sleep. He has the true perspective.

Testimony

- Because He is not sleeping, I can sleep -



Psalm 4:8 I will both lie down in peace, and **sleep**; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 127:2 In vain you get up early and stay up late, working hard to have enough food— yes, He gives **sleep** to the **one He loves**.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; instead, <u>perfect love</u> drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears has not reached perfection in love.

3. God does not deny the elephant

He knows, is in control, speak the truth in intimacy

Psalm 121:...4 Indeed, the Protector of Israel does not slumber or sleep. 5 The LORD protects you; the



LORD is a shelter right by your side. 6 The sun will not strike you by day or the moon by night. 7 The LORD will protect you from all harm; He will protect your life. 8 The LORD will protect your coming and going both now and forever.

There are elephants | BUT HE IS GOD and HE IS BIGGER! The elephants?

WE CAN TRUST GOD THE FATHER

"The Elephant is Not in the Room" Our Protector does not slumber or sleep

