

## "A Song for Encouragement!"

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#### **a. Inexpressible Joy.**

*My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.* Psalm 84:2 ESV

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#### **a. God goes with us.**

*As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.* Psalm 84:6

#### **b. God helps us.**

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### **3. God cares to hear and respond to our prayers.**

*Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.* Psalm 84:8

#### **a. God is our protector.**

*For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honour...* Psalm 84:11a

#### **b. God is full of goodness.**

*No good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.* Psalm 84:11b

### **4. Courage is found in trusting God.**

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