

Sanctuary John Thompson/Randy Scruggs

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Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

1 Peter 2:4-5 *“So keep coming to Him who is the Living Stone – though He was rejected and discarded by men but chosen by God and is priceless in God’s sight. Come and be His ‘living stones’ who are continually being assembled into a sanctuary for God. For now you serve as holy priests, offering up spiritual sacrifices that He readily accepts through Jesus Christ.”*

The Passion Translation¹

Proverbs 14:26 *“Reverence for God gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security.”*

The Living Bible²

Proverbs 25:13 *“A reliable, trustworthy messenger refreshes the heart of his master, like a gentle snowfall at harvest time.”*

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Sanctuary: a shelter, a safe haven, a holy place, a refuge.

What does a person as a sanctuary mean to you? What helped you form that definition?

If you are to be a sanctuary, what do you need to do to prepare?

Why do you think Thompson and Scruggs included the line “pure and holy, tried and true”? Can a person, can you, be a sanctuary without being “pure and holy, tried and true”? Why do you feel that way?

How does the idea being a sanctuary for other people make you feel?

How about being a sanctuary for God? Have you ever considered that possibility before? Does that idea scare you? Excite you? Why do you feel that way?

What things do you need to do to continue to be a sanctuary? Can you commit to doing those things? If you are unsure, take your concerns and hesitation to God. Ask for the wisdom and courage to make that commitment.

“Love is a safe place of shelter,
for it never stops believing the best for others.”
1 Corinthians 13:7a The Passion Translation

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