



Series: Seasons in the Psalms, Reflections on God and the Significance of the Soul
Passage: Psalm 27
Title: Courageous Strength in the Face of Fear
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Discussion Starter – Have you ever been afraid? How can fear make a person helpless or powerless? What has caused you to fear in different times of your life? How have you outgrown some of those fears?

Read Psalm 27:1-3

1. What threatening circumstances did David face during the first 30 years of his life and beyond?
 - a. Have you ever felt threatened to the extent described in verse 2, “the wicked come against me to eat up my flesh”? Describe how intense this threat must have been.
2. What 3 different traits are said to be provided to David by God Himself? What is the significance of David saying the Lord is...compared to the Lord gives?
3. Why is “light” listed first? How does light relate to darkness? (John 1:5)
4. What 2 sources has God provided to us so that we may see Him? What does it mean to “see” God?
5. What is the power of fear? Where is the source of David’s radical confidence? How can we access that source?

Read Psalm 27:4-10

6. What does David say is the single priority of his life?
 - b. It appears that God’s presence is more real than immediate dangers to David. Do you identify with his claims, statements, and declarations in these verses? Where and how can you grow to this level of faith?
7. How does David express the intimacy of his relationship with God?
 - c. Can you honestly express the same closeness with your Savior? What steps can you take to grow closer to Jesus?

Read Psalm 27:11-14

8. What is David’s prayer for the future? Does he have expectations that his life will be trouble free? What does his confidence lay?
9. What hope does he hold that will maintain him through trial and betrayal?
10. Is the advice of this psalm practical, or just platitudes and wishful thinking? Is it available to anyone or just a select few? How?
 - d. How does Jesus provide you with a foundation for confidence and hope, triumphing over danger and betrayal that is substantial and effective, (more than positive thinking)?