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[Psalm 27: 1-14](#)

Psa 27:1-14 The LORD is my light and my salvation; I will fear no one. The LORD protects me from all danger; I will never be afraid. When evil people attack me and try to kill me, they stumble and fall. Even if a whole army surrounds me, I will not be afraid; even if enemies attack me, I will still trust God. I have asked the LORD for one thing; one thing only do I want: to live in the LORD's house all my life, to marvel there at his goodness, and to ask for his guidance. In times of trouble he will shelter me; he will keep me safe in his Temple and make me secure on a high rock. So I will triumph over my enemies around me. With shouts of joy I will offer sacrifices in his Temple; I will sing, I will praise the LORD. Hear me, LORD, when I call to you! Be merciful and answer me! When you said, "Come worship me," I answered, "I will come, LORD." Don't hide yourself from me! Don't be angry with me; don't turn your servant away. You have been my help; don't leave me, don't abandon me, O God, my savior. My father and mother may abandon me, but the LORD will take care of me. Teach me, LORD, what you want me to do, and lead me along a safe path, because I have many enemies. Don't abandon me to my enemies, who attack me with lies and threats. I know that I will live to see the LORD's goodness in this present life. Trust in the LORD. Have faith, do not despair. Trust in the LORD.

Discouraged?

Some weeks are just worse than others. You just get those weeks where everything simply goes wrong, and it would feel like the entire world is against you, and nothing wants to go the way you would like it to. Do you know this feeling, or am I the only one that sometimes feels like this? Often we feel betrayed and let down by those we trusted to always be there for us, and wonder if it is even possible to trust at all. We see in scripture that David wrote that even his father and mother may abandon him, and he knew what it was to flee from your own son, who was wanting to kill him.

What can we learn from David? When everything was going wrong, and all seemed hopeless for him he had only one wish. *"Even if a whole army surrounds me, I will not be afraid; even if enemies attack me, I will still trust God. I have asked the LORD for one thing; one thing only do I want: to live in the LORD's house all my life, to marvel there at his goodness, and to ask for his guidance"* David did not ask for freedom, health, or even for his life to be spared, but he asked for God's presence to be with him. His one desire was to get closer to God, to experience God's goodness, and learn from God's guidance. Nothing compared to this one desire of David. Unlike us, for we often turn away from God when all seems lost. We may pray for deliverance, and peace, and ask it from God. Should we not be more like David, simply trusting in God, and His protection and guidance?. But we are fearful creatures, wanting to run and hide. We fight for self preservation, and see ourselves in need of defending ourselves to men. We care more about what man thinks about us, and what man will see as being the truth, rather than only caring about getting closer to God, and trusting Him for our protection, and safe keeping.

One simple truth is verse 14: *"Trust in the LORD. Have faith, do not despair. Trust in the LORD"*

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