

Sermon Title: Crying for Courage

Sermon Series: Gospel Directed Worship



Scripture: Psalm 27

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**How can we have _____ when we face _____
in life?**

Psalm 27 ESV

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

8 You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

9 Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

12 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

CHIASM

1 The LORD is salvation & Stronghold; No Fear

2 Evildoers, adversaries Fall,

3 Army surrounds me, yet I will be confident.

4 One thing I seek: dwell with, gaze upon beauty, inquire of the LORD

5 He will hide me in his shelter and lift me up

6 Sing, sacrifice, joy for the Lord in his tent

7 Hear & be gracious - answer my cry

8 I Seek God's face

9 Hide not your face from me.

10 the LORD will take me into his shelter.

11 Teach me your way, when I face my enemies.

12 don't give me up to my adversaries; (I may fall)

13 I believe the Lord surrounds me

14 Wait for the LORD; Be strong *Courageous*;

_____ **THAT WAITS**

Psalm 27:1, 14 ESV

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

FACING _____ WITH _____

Psalm 27:2-3, 11-12 ESV

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Psalm 27:13 ESV

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Here's the _____ thing: _____ GOD

Psalm 27:4-6, 8-10 ESV

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If you could ask God for one thing, what would it be?

Psalm 27:4 ESV

4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

Psalm 143:8 ESV

8 Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

“What you are beholding is making you, shaping you, forming your heart”

—Jeremy Casella

“The heart is changed by beholding a new beauty”

—Tim Keller

Psalm 27:6 ESV

6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Psalm 27:10 ESV

10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

“Biblical faith... never requires you to deny reality in any way... Biblical Faith looks reality in the face and does not flinch... it examines reality, but makes the Lord its meditation. It is only when you look at life through the window of the glory of the One who has been the source of your meditation that you see reality accurately... He is infinitely greater than any problem you could ever experience.”

—Paul Tripp

Psalm 27:7 ESV

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

_____ **OUT FOR AND** _____ **ON GOD**

Psalm 27:9-10 ESV

9 Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

Romans 8:15 ESV

15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

How can we have _____ when we face _____ in
life?

_____ out for and _____ on God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the craziest fears you've had through your life?
2. How have you tried to overcome your fears or be courageous?
3. When you think of "dwelling" with someone, what images and thoughts come to your mind?
4. Read Psalm 27

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