

PSALM 25

VERSE TO MEMORIZE

“Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.” - Psalm 25:4-5

CHALLENGE

Trust God in every area of your life. In your relationships, in your work, and in your future, allow God to lead and direct you. The challenge for many of us is to allow ourselves to wait on him and obediently follow him even when it does not make sense.

May God be glorified and may our lives be blessed as we walk in his ways and according to his instruction all the days of our life.

1. Who or what have you placed your trust in as you have gone through life? Have those things proven to be trustworthy? If so, why?
2. Have you ever misplaced your trust and been hurt or damaged by trusting in the wrong people or things? What would you say to someone who is currently trusting in the things that have damaged and hurt you in the past?
3. What do a lot of people in our culture today trust? In your opinion, have they misplaced their trust? Why or why not?
4. If you were talking to a non-believer, what would you tell them about why you trust God and why they should trust Him as well?
5. This is an acrostic psalm. What is an acrostic psalm? What are the benefits (at least to the Hebrew audience) of a psalm written in an acrostic manner?
6. Who wrote Psalm 25? What do you know about this man and how he demonstrated trust in God in his life? Read 1 Samuel 17:41-45 & 49-50.
7. As David affirms his trust in God in verse 2, what does he see as the result of his trust in God?
8. What does it mean to be put to shame? Will those who wait and trust in God ever be put to shame?
9. How has your trust in God and your ability to wait on Him proven to be a source of victory and strength in your life? Read Psalm 25:3 & 21.

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10. What does David say about learning from God and understanding His teachings? Read Psalm 25:4-5, 8- 10, 12, and 21.

11. What can we learn about the character of God by reading through this psalm?

- i. Verse 3 – God is _____.
- ii. Verse 4 – God is _____.
- iii. Verse 5 – God is _____.
- iv. Verse 6 – God is _____.
- v. Verse 10 – God is _____.
- vi. Verse 16 – God is _____.
- vii. Verse 20 – God is _____.

12. Based upon what we can know about the character of God, is there any reason to not trust Him?

13. How does thinking of God's character give you hope and strength right now as you face the challenges of life?

14. What enemies are you facing today? How does your dependance on God help you face your enemies?

15. What is the proper attitude(s) of a child of God as expressed by David in this psalm? Read Psalm 25:9, 10, 12 (and again in 14), and 15.

16. Have you ever struggled to have the right attitude before God? What has helped you to regain a proper attitude?

17. What does David say in this psalm about God's ability to save and forgive those who repent and turn to Him? Read Psalm 25:5, 6-7, 11, 15-18, 20, and 22.

18. How does knowing that God can be trusted, help us to understand how He deals with us & the sin in our life? Have you ever doubted God's ability to forgive you for the sins of your youth?

19. Have you ever prayed verse 7? How does knowing that God removes our transgressions give you peace and hope? Read Psalm 103:12.

20. How can the guilt of past sins rob Christians of the peace and joy that God desires for them to have in Jesus? What would you tell a Christian who cannot forgive themselves for past sin? What would Jesus say to them?

21. How does this psalm speak to you personally? What new insight into God's character does this psalm help you to know? Has this psalm led you to a deeper trust in God? If so, how?