



Week 7- “God’s Presence and Confident Peace”

In this series we will go on a journey experiencing the Psalms. The Psalms offers not just a practical, theological journey but also an experiential journey through poems and songs. The Psalms invite us to experience humanity in an honest and real way. In this week’s message, we explore Psalms 27 and discover that David gives us a clear picture of how God wants us to handle the hurts and wounds we experience in our lives.

1. If you feel comfortable, can you share a story about a hurt or wound that you have experienced?
2. Have you ever made a “vow” after someone or something hurt you? Have you been able to keep it? Why or why not?

Read Psalms 27

3. Do you resonate with what David says in verse 1? Why or why not?
4. What are some of the real life “evil doers” or enemies you have in your life right now (they can be people or things) that are causing you to be enslaved with fear, worry, or anxiety?
5. David speaks of being confident in the midst of these enemies. On a scale of 1-5 (1=terrified and 5= rock solid confident peace) how would you rate how you feel currently in the midst of these “enemies”?

6. How is David's seeking and dwelling in the house/temple of the Lord connected to God's presence? Why would this give him confident peace?

Read Psalm 27:5-6

God's presence gives confident peace in the midst of your hurts and wounds. In these verses David explains what confident peace felt like to him.

7. Do you resonate with David's words? Why or why not?

8. How were you taught to handle the hurts and wounds in your life? What was modeled to you? Is it different or the same as what David is modeling to his readers?

In the message Jeremy stated, "The problem with our wounds is if they don't heal correctly it leads to being imprisoned to worry, fear, & anxiety. The interesting thing about these chronic worries and fears is they can show us where we're running to first instead of God's presence."

9. If you feel comfortable, share what you are running to for peace in your life in the midst of your hurts and wounds?

Read Psalm 27:11-14 and John 16:33

10. How can this group help you to "wait on the Lord" and seek God's presence? What practical steps do you need to take to experience God's presence?

David in Psalm 27 and Jesus encourage us to bring our hurts, wounds, and pain to God, trusting that He cares for us and knows what He is doing. It's why we worship God and as we worship and seek His presence, we can find confidence, peace, and hope even in the midst of our wounds and hurts.

