

# the PSALMS

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## **Psalm 27** **A Psalm of Fearless Trust**

1. When trials come, will your faith be in God? Vs 1-3
2. Do you have a secret place to meet with God? Vs 4-6
3. Can you call Him Father? Vs 7-10
4. How do you prepare for God's new mercies and grace? Vs 11-14

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### Questions for adults to discuss:

1. How do you define hope?
2. What does this psalm tell us about God's character?
3. Read and consider verse 9. Have you ever felt like God has abandoned you and isn't answering your prayers? What can we learn from David's response?
4. What are some of the things David is pleading for in verses 7-12? Where in the Bible can you find assurance that God will answer David's petitions?
5. How is God showing His goodness through your struggle? How do you see God in the midst of your struggle?
6. What does it mean to wait for the Lord (v.14)? What actions can you take to show your faith while you wait for God to answer your prayers?

### Questions to discuss with 6th-12th grade students:

1. Describe what it means for God to be "the stronghold of my life." What does it NOT look like?
2. In verse 3, why does the psalmist feel he doesn't need to fear? Are there times in your life when you fear? Why? In what ways can we turn to Christ in these times?
3. Read verses 13 and 14. What is the psalmist deciding to do? In what ways can we do that in our own lives?

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## **Questions/Activities for 2nd-5th graders:**

“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?” Psalm 27:1

Ask everyone to share something they are afraid of.

Should we be afraid if we know the Lord is with us?

What is a stronghold? (a safe place, a refuge)

Allow each person to share how the Lord is a stronghold in their lives.

## **Questions/Activities for Birth-1st graders:**

In Psalm 27 we see the psalmist crying out to God for rescue as enemies surround him. He knows that God alone is the one who will rescue – first from his physical enemies and most importantly from sin and death. “The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

## **Questions:**

Who is the bravest person you know?

What makes them so brave?

If we have God by our side, can we also be brave? (yes)

## **Activity:**

As a family, act out a game of rescue. Let someone be the rescuer. Take turns until everyone has had a turn. Talk about how God will always rescue us, and He will never leave us.