

Sermon Date: Sunday, 12 July 2020

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Sermon Title: A Heart like David's: Psalm 27

Key Scripture: Psalm 27

Greetings,

Welcome to this week's online Connection Group meeting! We are so glad that you have decided to be part of today's meeting. Even though we have temporarily changed how we meet, our mandate to spur one another still stands as instructed by **Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT** which says, ***"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together as some people do, but let us encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near"***. When you meet and connect with other people, you find grace and truth to enable you grow spiritually, you learn to look beyond yourself and serve others and become more like Jesus Christ in behavior and attitude. Iron sharpens iron, so stay connected.

Life, as we know it, has been greatly disrupted by the Covid19 pandemic. For some, not as much as others, but whatever the case, life is surely different! What has your response been to the effects of these unprecedented times? Has your response been Biblical? This week, we start a new series that takes us through scripture looking at how David responded or reacted to the difficult times he faced. Part one of the series entitled **"A Heart like David's"**, focuses on **Psalm 27**. In this first Sermon, we examine the state of David's heart when he faced a life threatening situation. Be part of the discussion, maybe we will find out why God called David 'A man after my heart'! Be blessed!

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God bless you!

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THIS WEEK'S SERMON BASED STUDY: A HEART LIKE DAVID'S – PSALM 27

A Getting to Know Each Other

Would you rather have a fast forward, pause, or rewind button in your life? Tell us why.

B Digging Deeper and Application

Key Text NKJV: Psalm 27

The backdrop to Psalm 27 is that David faithfully served Saul as a soldier in the army. David won many victories for Israel and King Saul became jealous of him and plotted to kill him. So David writes this Psalm when he was running for his life.

1. In **verses 1-2**, amidst all the trouble David is facing, he makes an astounding declaration about God and the fate of his enemies.
 - (i) How did David come to such a realization of God? Share your answer and explain how it relates to your life.
 - (ii) What do you confess about God during difficult times (like now)? How will you make faith confessions part of your daily life and not just mere statements?
2. David's response in **verse 3** is "My heart will not fear". How can you teach your heart not to fear?
3. From **verses 4-8** we see how David committed to applying himself (intentionally putting effort) to God and how God responded to him. David sought, beheld, dwelt and inquired in the house of the Lord. There is always a 'God part' and a 'you part'. What intentional effort are you making that will help you in your relationship with God and in serving His people? What are some gaps that you have and how do you intend to close them.
4. It is interesting how **verse 10** says 'when' and not 'if' my parents forsake me. Meaning, you will face times when those you may depend on will let you down. During hard times, how can **verses 11-14** help you navigate such a period?

C Take Home

A paraphrased prayer from **Psalm 27:11-13** to meditate on:

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path during difficult times. Help me to not allow the problems around me to dictate my actions, for right now, the voices of these hard times are so loud in my ears, wanting to push me off your way. Anchor my heart with your goodness so that I don't lose faith. I wait on you Lord, my strength and my salvation.