TRUE PRAYER

TRUE PRAYER DRIVES OUT FEAR

Fear and worry are common struggles. Worries about finances, family, health, and even the future often grips our hearts, but in Philippians 4:6-7, Paul reminds us not to be anxious, but to pray and give thanks, trusting that God's peace will guard our hearts when we do. Fear is unavoidable, in fact even David wrestled with fear, but Psalm 27 shows us how David turned to God amid trouble. Let's learn from the example of David how true prayer drives out fear.

ANCHOR IN GOD'S CHARACTER

David begins Psalm 27 by declaring that the Lord is his light, salvation, and stronghold. He doesn't ignore his fear. Instead, he confronts it with faith (Psalm 56:3-4). When problems arise, our tendency is to want to fix them ourselves. But David teaches us to yield control and look first to who God is.

Even when Saul tried to kill him, David chose not to retaliate (1 Samuel 24:10, 12, 15), choosing instead to trust in God's justice and timing. Surrendering to God through faith in His unchanging character disarms fear. Fear shrinks when we believe in the goodness and sovereignty of God.

SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE

Ultimately, David's desire wasn't for just safety or success. Psalm 27:4 reveals that David prays for one thing: to dwell in God's presence and behold His beauty. His heart wasn't set on the power that the throne could offer him, a throne promised to Him by God no less, but on intimacy with God. David's focus on worship reveals the depth of his relationship with God. To David, fullness of joy was found in God's presence (Psalm 16:11). Even in the face of death and uncertainty, David found confidence and victory by staying close to God (Psalm 27:5-6). To pray in a way that overcomes fear, we must seek God's presence. In return, God's promise is to reveal Himself to those who seek Him with all their heart (Jeremiah 29:13).

KEEP WAITING IN FAITH

David's intimate relationship with God didn't exempt him from fear or pain, but instead of running from God, David ran to God. David continued to seek, trust, and wait on the Lord (Psalm 27:9-10). In his waiting, David was active, not passive (Psalm 27:11-12), obeying God even it was hard.

Psalm 27 ends with a powerful encouragement, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage." Waiting deepens our faith, and as David later attests in Psalm 34:8, those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Fear loses power when we anchor in God's character, seek His presence, and keep waiting in faith. Like David, we can trust that even in the darkest moments, God is with us, and His plans are always good. The best is indeed yet to come.

last week's memory verse

One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple.

PSALM 27:5

discuss this message

- What are you often worried about?
- How do you seek God's presence in your life?
 How do you think the presence of God in your life can help you face your fears and concerns?

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God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who <u>keeps</u> <u>His covenant and His lovingkindness</u> to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13