

Wait for the Lord.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage;
Yes, wait for the Lord.
Psalm 27:14

If Christ is in us then...

- We are changed.
- We are fulfilled to enjoy God's purpose for us.
- We are enabled to make a difference in this world for God.
- Our deepest needs are met.
- We are in intimate relationship with God.

Reading the Bible for all it is worth

- What does it say?
- What did that mean for the original audience?
- What does that mean for us today?
- What does that mean for me?

Book of Psalms

- David authored many.
- What do we know about David?
 - Roles?
- Known as a man after God's heart
 - 1Sam 13:14 and Acts 13:22
 - Wait! What what? How could he...?
 - Characteristics:
 - Guardian of God's reputation.
 - Faith in God.
 - Loved God's law.
 - Thankful.
 - Repentant.
- Psalms are poetry
- Used by both the people and the priests
- Like a spiritual journal, then and now

Psalms 27:1-14

- Verses 1,2,3,5,6 lists the benefits David received from a close relationship with God.
 - No Fear, No Dread
 - Confidence
 - Enemies will be thwarted
 - God will protect David

David's belief fed his attitude

- No fear
- Desire to praise
- Seeking answers from God
- Seeking God's guidance
- Seeking God's deliverance and protection
- Willingness to wait

Companionship requires communication

- David praises God (see the rest of the Psalms, example: Psalm 145)
- David made requests:
 - Dwell in the house of the Lord
 - That God would be gracious in His answer
 - God would not hide from David
 - God would not turn away in anger
 - God would not abandon nor forsake David
 - God would teach David
 - God would lead David
 - God would not deliver David to his foes
- In those four lists above, what would be important to each of us individually now?

In the Lord, Confidence -> Goodness of the Lord -> No Fear

- Enemies
- Adversaries
- Evildoers
- Foes
- False Witnesses
- Violence doers
- What things are on my list to fear?

How can my relationship with God help me to “Fear not?”

- Verse 14 as a conclusion: “Wait for the Lord.”
 - Pray:
 - Remain still if...
 - Prepare for God working by...
 - Through it all is a spirit of expectancy and a reliance on God.
- Why is that waiting on God difficult?

Factors that contribute to an experience of a closer relationship with God in Psalm 27

- Verse 4: Desiring to know God
- Verse 7: Praying
- Verse 7: Accepting the mercy of God
- Verse 8: Seeking the face of God
- Verse 11: Following the guidance of God
- Verse 13: Having confidence in God
- Verse 14: Trusting God and Waiting on Him

What are the takeaways?

- Big Idea: God is our ever present companion who loves us and is powerful. God is committed to an ongoing relationship that is to our benefit.
- What are the benefits for you to be more involved in a deepening relationship with God?
- What is your responsibility in that area?

Bible Study: What does it say? What does it mean? What does that mean for us today? What does that mean for me?

Book of Psalms. What do we know about the life of David? What does a man after God's own heart mean?

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Psalms are poetry used by both priests and people. Psalms are like a spiritual journal.

Let's read Psalm 27:1-14. Vs 1,2,3,5,6 list benefits that David received from a close relationship with God.

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David's attitude:

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Close relationship involves intimate ongoing communication

David praised God. David made requests

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Which of those are important to each of us now?



Confidence in the Lord leads to seeing the goodness of the Lord, which leads to no fear. Are those causal links working in my life?

There are things in this passage that cause each of us to fear:

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What is on my list?

How can my relationship with God help me to "fear not?"

Verse 14 as a conclusion: "Wait for the Lord." What does that mean?

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Why is that difficult?

What are the factors that contribute to a closer relationship with God in this Psalm?

- Vs 4
- Vs 7
- Vs 7
- Vs 8
- Vs 11
- Vs 13
- Vs 14

What are my takeaways?

- 1) Principle Truth?
- 2) What does that mean to me.. today?
- 3) What is my responsibility?