

STRENGTH IN TIMES OF WEAKNESS

Psalms 27

LANGUAGE FOR WEAKNESS

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Where do we go and what do we ask for when we are in a time of great need, fear, and we don't know where to turn? David, here in Psalm 27, is being pursued by his enemies, and he calls upon God to be his shelter. He like others in the bible, such as Moses (Numbers 11.15), Asaph (Psalm 77), Jonah (Jonah 4.3), Job (Job 7.15), Elijah (1 Kings 19.4), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 20.14), and Paul (2 Corinthians 1.8), were in places so dark they even wanted death. These stories give us relatable ways to express our hearts and seek after the Lord.

Some things we never get over.
Rather, God gets us through them.

- Pastor Zack Eswine

OUR WEAKNESS AS A PATH TO GOD'S STRENGTH

2 Corinthians 12.7-10

Our church, and the world, needs the kind of men and women who are willing and able to be bold in the declarations of our faults. Not in a bragging or flippant or excusing way, but in a humble way. And when we are in that place, we can plead as David did to be saved from our enemies, but we also aim for something higher and better. Paul embraced his weakness "so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." David cried out to the Lord to "search my heart," "be my strength," "teach me Your way," "lead me on a level path," "let me dwell in Your presence."

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

We may be like Job, or Jonah, or Elijah on many days. But if we are like them, we also may know that God will be to us as He was to them. He was faithful to them, and to every single one of all of His children.

Romans 8.26-31 // Job 19.25-27 // Psalms 27.13, 14

Ordinary mourners sip at suffering's bowl.
Christ drinks it dry.

- C.H. Spurgeon



NOTES:

Upcoming Sermons:

Next week we will look at how the Psalms teach us to pray in times of need for provision, and how His faithfulness to us is guaranteed by a promise He made not just to us, but to Himself.

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 111:5-6

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along in our Daily Prayer Journal by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **Weekly Memory Verse** and our **Morning and Evening Psalm Reading**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

1. Read **Psalm 27**. What stuck out to you from these set of verses or what did you take out of the sermon on Sunday? _____

2. When you look at **Psalm 27** and compare it to **Psalm 77** what differences do you notice? We noticed Psalm 77 starts with weakness and despair then turns to faith and praise, but what happens in 27? _____

3. In Jobey's sermon he talked about what our enemies might be (doubt, shame, health scares, etc.). What 'enemies' have you experienced and what are the most common that seem to present themselves? How do you most often respond to these enemies, and how should we respond? _____

4. In **Psalm 27** David calls out, but in **Psalm 77** Asaph did not have the strength to call out, but they both end up clinging to the promises of God. When you go through suffering, what do you cling to? Let's look at that Spurgeon quote once more: "Ordinary mourners sip at suffering's bowl. Christ drinks it dry." How does Christ's suffering help us when we face trials? _____

5. Read **Hebrews 6:13-20**. Have you ever made a promise that you did not fulfill? Without dropping names, has anyone failed to keep their promises to you? Look at verse 19. Where do you often place your hope? Promises of our own? Promises of others? _____

6. Lastly, read **Romans 8.26-39**. What similar themes and parallels do you see in **Psalm 27** with this passage? _____

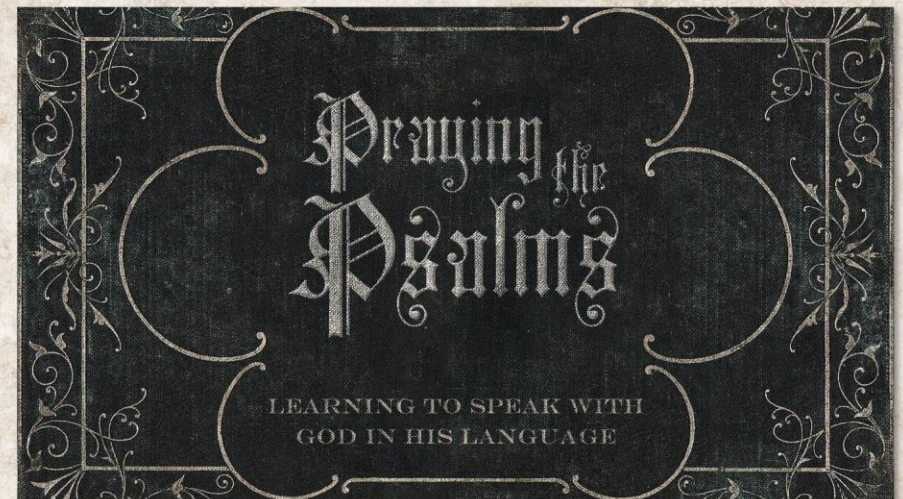
Spend time as a group praying in the P.R.A.Y. model, which is modeled after the Lord's Prayer. Share with the group situations in your life that you need to be able to have honest and real prayer for.



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