

What is the **ONE THING** that would make your life better?

Psalm 27:1 (ESV)

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**?

{all together one slide}

God's presence is the defining reality of David's life.

- **Guiding**
- **Guarding**
- **Good**

God's presence is the point.

- **Genesis 1:1a** -- In the beginning, God ...
- **I Peter 3:18a** -- For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might **bring us to God** ...

Psalm 27:2-3 (ESV)

When **evildoers** assail me to eat up my flesh, my **adversaries and foes**, it is they who stumble and fall. ³Though an army encamp **against** me, my **heart** shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be **confident**.

God's presence is not the only presence in our lives but for David, His presence is a prevailing presence.

{come up one line at a time ... same slide}

Role of fear (worry, stress, anxiety): follow it back into your heart and name it.

→ That “presence” is a potential **rival or competitor** to God.

Psalm 27:4a (ESV)

One thing have I asked of the Lord ...

Psalm 27:4 (ESV)

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may **dwell** in the house of the Lord **all** the days of my life, to gaze upon the **beauty** of the Lord and to **inquire** in his temple.

To realize & recognize that God is with us in life-changing, eternity-altering, and joy-sustaining ways.

Facts About God's Presence:

- Prevailing
- Possibility of all day consciousness
- Beautiful
- Captivating // Rewarding

Goodness: as a product of some positive condition, development, or result
vs.

Goodness of God: inherent; in His very nature

Can we be with God, relate to God, enjoy God just for Himself?

We have some things to **learn, unlearn and overcome.**

Psalm 27:5-6 (ESV)

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent **sacrifices with shouts of joy;** I will **sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Faith: reliance/trust/confidence revealed in attitude & action
→ Seeing God as He REALLY sparks FAITH!

3 Types of Faith:

- Socially acceptable (culturally proper)
- Desperation
- Sufficiency

Psalm 16:1 (ESV)

You make known to me the **path of life;** in your **presence** there is **fullness of joy;** at your right hand are **pleasures forevermore.**

A word about “worship”

- We are all worshippers
- God is worthy of our worship
- Our worship must be God-centered & focused

Psalm 27:7 (ESV)

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

Psalm 27:8 (ESV)

You have said, “Seek my **face**.” My **heart** says to you, “Your **face**, Lord, do I seek.”

Psalm 27:9-14 (ESV)

Hide not your face from me. **Turn not** your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. **Cast me not off; forsake me not**, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, **but the Lord** will take me in. ¹¹ **Teach me** your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹² Give me not up to **the will** of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. I **believe** that I shall look upon the **goodness of the Lord** in the land of the living! ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; **be strong, and let your heart take courage**; wait for the Lord!

The Five Commitments of Coram Deo:

- 1) **To know the fear of the Lord**
- 2) **To make holy appraisals (assessments, evaluations)**
- 3) **To identify as a disciple (student)**
- 4) **To seek the will of God as a way of life**
- 5) **To cultivate the ability to focus on God**

Would you plan to spend a day with God?

- **Wake-up → Throughout → Unexpected → Wind-down**
- **A day with God is worth planning for**

Ephesians 1:3-5a [JB Ph]

Praise be to God for giving us through Christ every possible spiritual benefit as citizens of Heaven! For consider what he has done—before the foundation of the world he chose us to become, in Christ, his holy and blameless children **living within his constant care**. He planned, in his purpose of love, that we should be adopted as his own children through Jesus Christ