

- I. The Lord *\_Himself\_* is our help in times of fear  
 Ecc 5:19-20;  
 Ps 27:1-3;  
 II Sam 5:17
- A. Because of the Lord, we should *\_question\_* our fear  
 Isa 8:11-14a
- B. Because of the Lord, we can *\_face\_* our fear
- C. Because of the Lord, we can *\_overcome\_* our fear
- II. The way through fear is to be *\_with\_* the Lord  
 Ps 27:4-6
- A. Every day we should live under His *\_administration\_*  
 Isa 26:1-4
- B. In the time of fear, we should run to His *\_protection\_*  
 Is 25:4
- III. In the stronghold, we can *\_share\_* our fears with the Lord  
 Ps 27:7-8
- A. We can *\_appeal\_* to God who is full of mercy
- B. We can *\_share\_* our fear of rejection with God our Savior
- C. We can *\_trust\_* God even when those closest to us betray us  
 Ps 27:10
- D. We can *\_ask\_* God to show us the way through our deepest fears  
 Ps 27:11-12
- IV. From the stronghold, we can *\_wait\_* for the Lord with confidence  
 Ps 27:13-14
- A. We can be confident that we will see God work His *\_good\_*
- B. We can be confident that God will work out His *\_timing\_*  
 Isa 25:6-9

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Text: Psalm 27

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2. Read Psalm 27:1-3. Recall ancient times—what was a “stronghold”? How can God himself be a stronghold for us when we are afraid?
3. David rationally questions his fear. What is his rationale for questioning his fear? How could you question your fear now in the same way that David did?
4. David openly describes the reasons why he could be afraid. Is there a fear you have that you could bring to the light and openly describe?
5. Memorize the phrase “Whom shall I fear, the Lord is the stronghold of my life” together.
6. Read Psalm 27:4-6. The way through fear, according to this Psalm, is to be with the Lord Himself. Are there other people in your life that, just to be with them, helps alleviate much of your fear and anxiety?
7. Have you found that when you neglect your relationship with the Lord, that your anxiety and fear level goes up? What could you do this month to live everyday in a closer relationship with Him?
8. Apart from an ongoing relationship with the Lord, there are times when we are to run to the stronghold who is God Himself. How do you go to a stronghold who is a person that you cannot see?
9. Read Psalm 27:7-12. David shifts his language from talking about God to talking to God. He is “in the stronghold with God”. What all does he forthrightly share with God as he talks with Him?
10. Read Psalm 27:13-14. David ends the Psalm with a statement of confidence. What does it mean to “wait for the Lord”?
11. David speaks his faith out loud. Have the group stop and pray right now in the same spirit that David does—forthrightly sharing with Him and also forthrightly praying a statement of faith and confidence in Him.

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