

## PRAYING PSALM 27

“I would have lost heart unless I believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living” (Psalm 27:13).

This psalm speaks to the tension between fear and faith. We all deal with it. It is helpful to know that David did too. The psalm has two divisions. 1. DAVID’S FAITH (1-6). The Lord is the light of my salvation – whom shall I fear (1)? The Lord is the strength of my life – of whom shall I be afraid (1)? One thing I have desired from the Lord, and that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (4). 2. DAVID’S FEARS (7-14). Have mercy on me, and answer me (7). Do not hide your face from me (8-9). Do not turn your servant away in anger (9). Don’t leave me or forsake me (9). When my father and mother leave me, the Lord will take care of me (10). Do not deliver me to the will of my enemies (12).

Often, we vacillate between fear and faith, bouncing back and forth like a ping pong ball. Fear draws us to prayer. Prayer directs us to the Word of God. The Word builds our faith. That is how it worked for David. That is how it works for us. When you are losing heart, pour out your fears and trust God for faith. Then go to prayer and thank God for His goodness.