

Psalms of Summer
Godly Confidence / Confidence in Crisis
Psalm 27
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Getting started...

3 reasons Christ-followers can have unshakeable confidence:

My identity comes from my relationship with God (vs. 1-3)

My security comes from God's presence with me (vs. 4-6)

My affirmation comes from God's acceptance of me (vs. 7-12)

Where does your confidence come from?

Thoughts for discussion...

In verse 2 of Psalm 27, the Psalmist lists a few substantial reasons to feel fearful. What are the things in your life currently that are keeping you from trusting in God completely?

Stop and pray. Ask God to give you the ability to find your identity in relationship with Him and to trust Him—even if you have to wait to see how He'll work.

What are some common things people place their confidence in? Why might it seem easier to have confidence in material things than in God?

Reread Psalm 27:4-6. Have you ever had a season in your relationship with God when the experience of His presence made the difficulties in life seem pale in comparison to the beauty of closeness to God? Describe the feeling.

Read Isaiah 49:15-16. How many times have you sinned, doubted, or been mad at God, then worried that He might abandon you because of your actions? Do Psalm 27 or Isaiah 49 suggest this abandonment is possible?

Psalm 13 describes a situation when God didn't seem to answer the Psalmist's prayer. Psalm 27 displays a confidence that God will certainly answer the Psalmist's prayer. Do these verses contradict each other? Is it possible that both are true? Explain your answer.

Take time to pray to God in response to this Psalm. It might be that you are in the middle of a crisis and need to cry out for help. Don't hesitate to reach out to a friend in the congregation for support as well. All of us need the reminder, as well as the strength and courage, to put our confidence in the Lord.