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"YAHWEH IS MY LIGHT": CONFIDENTLY WAITING FOR CERTAIN HELP

Psalm 27

NOTES:

Evaluate: God is Our Unmatched Source of Confidence and Security

Psa. 27:1 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?

Cherish: Being in His Presence is to Experience the Benefits of His Faithful Care

Psa. 27:4 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.

Pray: Relating to God as Our Gracious Rescuer is Pivotal for Drawing Near to Him

Psa. 27:7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! 8 You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Imitate: Diligently Following God's Way of Doing Things is a Safe Path

Psa. 27:11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Anticipate: Be Ready for God's Certain Help, Undistracted by Daunting Circumstances.

Psa. 27:14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Drawing Near to Jesus, We Experience the Ultimate Expression of God's Care and Love

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God <u>has appeared</u>, bringing <u>salvation</u> for all people, 12 <u>training us</u> to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and <u>to live self-controlled</u>, <u>upright</u>, <u>and godly lives in the present age</u>, 13 <u>waiting for our blessed hope</u>, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 <u>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness</u> and to purify for himself <u>a people for his own possession</u> who are zealous for good works.

Review/Discuss/Apply:

- 1) What other sources of help do you go to instead of "waiting" when you are experiencing hardship? What does David do in Psalm 27 to "be strong, take courage and wait on the LORD?" How can you incorporate this pattern into your life this week?
- 2) Since Jesus is "God with us" he is the ultimate expression of God's care. Think of the apostles who were "in his presence" during his earthly ministry. What did that mean for them (physically, experientially, educationally, etc.)? How can you replicate that in in your life in 2024?
- 3) How does the truth of God's provision in Christ offered in Titus 2:11-14 strengthen you to actively wait for God to act in your present circumstances?

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