

Sermon Title: Psalms: From the Heart, Part XXXII 10.11.2026

Themes: God is our light and our stronghold. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Focus Question: What is the light of your life?

Sermon Points:

1. Courage amid real danger. God gives us courage when danger surrounds us. **Psalm 27:1–3.** David does not deny the reality of danger. There are enemies. There is an army. There is war. But notice where he begins. His confidence isn't based on the *absence* of danger. It is based on the presence of God in the *face* of danger. The progression is powerful: 1. The Lord is my light: He gives me direction. 2. The Lord is my salvation: He gives me deliverance. 3. The Lord is the stronghold of my life: He gives me security. If God is all of that, of what am I afraid?

2. Protection in His presence. Nothing is better than God's protection. **Psalm 27:4–6.** David says, **"One thing have I asked of the Lord..."** What is that one thing? God Himself. David doesn't merely want God to get him out of trouble, he wants to be near God. We often seek God's hand because of what He can give us. David seeks God's face because of who He is.

3. Pray when you feel abandoned. Psalm 27:7–12. The tone suddenly changes, and the once confident warrior of verses 1–6 is now pleading in **verse 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!** Then comes one of the most intimate statements in the Psalm in **verse 8 You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."** God says, "Seek Me." David responds, "That's exactly what I'm doing." Then David gets brutally honest in **verse 9 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!** And then in **verse 10** he says, **For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.** Whatever the circumstances behind that statement, the theological truth is enormous: Even when the closest human relationships fail, God remains faithful. Human beings can abandon you, but God will not abandon His people.

4. Faith means waiting for God to do what only He can do. Psalm 27:13–14. David doesn't say that he understands everything. He says, **"I believe."** He gives himself, and us, this command in **verse 14, Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!** Notice that "wait" is repeated. Sometimes faith doesn't mean doing something else. Sometimes faith means refusing to quit while you're waiting for God to do something well. When God is your confidence, His presence becomes more important than your circumstance. Fear loses its power when God's presence becomes your priority. In **verse 1**, David starts with, **"whom shall I fear?"** He ends in **verse 14** with **"wait for the Lord!"**

Final Question: Are you waiting for the Lord?

Reflection: Lord, give me the patience to wait on Your perfect timing.