

Sermon Title: Psalms: From the Heart, Part Thirty 9.27.2026

Themes: Trusting in the Lord and redemption is from the Lord. Live-streaming and sermon notes are at trinitycg.org.

Focus Question: How do you take your trust to the next level?

Introduction: In **Psalm 25** David moves through trust, guidance, mercy, humility, forgiveness, trouble, and redemption, like saying, “Lord, I don't know what is coming next, but I know where I'm looking.”

Sermon Points:

1. Lift your soul to the Lord. What you hold up shows what you trust. **Psalm 25:1–2.** David doesn't just lift up a request, he lifts up his soul. There's a difference between giving God your problems and giving God yourself. We often say, “Lord, fix this situation.” David essentially says, “Lord, I belong to You in this situation.” Faith isn't merely trusting God with *what* is in your hands. It's placing *yourself* in God's hands.

2. When you don't know the way, ask the One who does. **Psalm 25:3–5.** David doesn't ask God merely to bless his plans. He asks God to teach him God's plans. We can spend enormous amounts of energy asking God to open doors while never asking, “Lord, which doors should I want opened?” David's posture isn't, “God, here's where I'm going. Please bless it.” It's, “God, show me where You are going, and I'll follow.”

3. God's mercy reaches backward farther than our failures. **Psalm 25:6–7.** David remembers things he wishes God would forget. He knows his past is real, but he also knows God's mercy is more powerful than his mistakes. David doesn't appeal to his innocence. He appeals to God's character: The enemy says, “Remember what you did.” Grace says, “Remember who God is.” Your past may explain some of your scars, but it does not have the authority to define your future.

4. Humility doesn't merely admit that you need God, it makes you teachable. **Psalm 25:8–9.** This is one of the great surprises of Psalm 25. God teaches sinners. The qualification isn't perfection. It's humility. God can work with someone who says, “I was wrong. Teach me.” The danger isn't that we've made mistakes. The danger is becoming so proud that we can no longer be corrected. God doesn't require you to know the way before He leads you on the right path. He requires you to be humble enough to follow Him.

5. When life throws nets, keep your eyes on God. **Psalm 25:10–22.** David's circumstances are not peaceful. He's lonely. He's afflicted. His troubles are multiplying. His enemies hate him. And yet in **verse 15** David says, “**My eyes are ever toward the Lord...**” David doesn't deny the net. He refuses to stare at the net and instead looks to the One who can pull him out of it. Faith doesn't require you to pretend the trap isn't there. Faith keeps your eyes on the One who can get you out of it. Notice the order: Eyes toward the Lord and then feet rescued from the net. David's deliverance begins with his direction of vision. So, where are your eyes pointed?

1. Lift your soul to God: *Trust* (vs. 1–3)
2. Learn the ways of God: *Guidance* (vs. 4–5)
3. Lean on the mercy of God: *Grace* (vs. 6–9)
4. Live with humility: *Teachability* (vs. 10–14)
5. Look to the Lord in trouble: *Deliverance* (vs. 15–22)

Notice the overarching movement: Lift → Learn → Lean → Live → Look.

When you don't know the way, trust the One who does. When you remember your failures, remember His grace. When you find yourself in a net, keep your eyes on God.

Reflection: Lord, give me the discernment to trust that You always know the way forward.