SERMON NOTES

April 27 & 28, 2024

Why Does It Matter?: Bible

Psalm 27

| The World's Soundtrack | God's Soundtrack |
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| 1. There is always | 1. There is always |
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| Daily declaration: The Lord is my light and my salvation - w | vhom shall I fear? |
| 2. My worth is in | 2. My worth is in |
| Daily declaration: The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of | whom shall I be afraid? |
| 3. The "Good 'OI Days" | . 3. The best is |
| Daily declaration: | oodness of the Lord in the land of the living. |

Life Steps

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Monday Psalm 23

Reflect: This psalm is typically used at funerals, but it really is an everyday psalm. It reminds us of the hope we have in all situations. Where in your life do you need hope today? Memorize this prayer and repeat it throughout the day.

Pray: Lord, you are my light and my salvation; there is nothing I have to fear.

Tuesday Isaiah 41:8-10

Reflect: This passage spoke a word of hope to many Israelites in a dark period of their journey. We all need reminders of the hope we have in God. As you go through today, remember this word and this hope. Keep the prayer with you and repeat it throughout the day.

Pray: Lord, you are my light and my salvation; there is nothing I have to fear.

Wednesday Isaiah 43:1

Reflect: Our identity has never been about what we do or what we accomplish. Our identity rests in the One who created us. Where in your life are you working for your worth? Surrender this to God and hold onto today's prayer throughout the day. **Pray:** Lord, you are my stronghold; my confidence rests in you and you alone.

Thursday Psalm 139:13-16

Reflect: Regardless of how you see yourself, remember: God says you are fearfully and wonderfully made. You have worth beyond measure, not because the world says so, but because God says so. Repeat today's prayer throughout the day.

Pray: Lord, you are my stronghold; my confidence rests in you and you alone.

Friday Psalm 27:13

Reflect: So much of our world tells us that the good ol' days are behind us. But the goodness of God is always there for those who look for it. Use today's prayer as a way to look for the goodness of God in your world.

Pray: Lord, I remain confident of this: I will see your goodness on this side of heaven.

Saturday Revelation 21:1-6

Reflect: Despite all the destruction and brokenness in our world, God reminds us here of a vision of what is to come. Hold onto this promise from God, that the best truly is yet to come.

Pray: Lord, I remain confident of this: I will see your goodness on this side of heaven.

Sunday 1 John 4:16b-19

Reflect: Your ability to be loved was established before you were born. As you prepare for worship today, celebrate the freedom in knowing that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Pray: God, I know that I am valued, I am important, and I am loved. I know this because you have told me so.

