

Psalm 27:7-14
"Seeking God's Face in Affliction"

Intro: Jesus & Peter walking on water

-One sure way to be miserable in the midst of some trial: Focus on your circumstances instead of the God who is sovereign over your circumstances.

-The second half of Psalm 27: Provides a definite shift from the confidence found at the beginning of the Psalm.

1. David's prayer to be _____ to _____ in the midst of his _____.

-The change of tone found at verse 7: Has led some commentators to conclude that this Psalm was originally composed as two separate Psalms.

-David's prayer to God: A heartfelt cry as opposed to the mere recitation of right words.

-David's plea for God to be gracious: A reminder that the need for God's grace is much more than a one-time event.

-God's call of, "Seek My face": Likely a reference to what God says through Moses in the 4th chapter of Deuteronomy.

-The 'face of the LORD': Symbolic language for the LORD'S favor.

-'Hide not Your face from me': The prayer of one who was familiar with the feeling of God's absence.

-The reason why the believer cannot be forsaken by God: Jesus was forsaken in the believer's place at the cross.

-Verse 10: Likely a proverbial statement as opposed to an actual incident in which David was forsaken by his father and mother.

-David's pleas of 'teach me' and 'lead me': Remind us that we need to be taught God's ways and led on the firm path of sacred Scripture.

2. David's declaration of _____ and his _____ to _____.

-The 'glory days in Israel': Came under David's son Solomon with the building of the temple and rest from all of Israel's enemies.

-A reminder from this Psalm: There is never a time to be a fearful, timid Christian.

-Personal Application: