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**APRIL 26, 2020 | DAVID ANDERSON | FAMILY NOTES**

**Wait On The Goodness Of The Lord!  
Psalm 27**

1) Can you name one fear that you are having a really hard time with?

Parents, start with yourselves. Giving your family a safe place to articulate their fears (small or big) and unmet expectations is so important for their growth journey in addressing their fears.

2) What happens if fear rules and controls your life? What happens if fear rules this family?

It's important for us to realize the profound impact fear has on our lives. It destroys families, relationships, confidence, etc. It leads to sinful coping mechanisms and we become a shadow of ourselves and what God has called us to be.

3) Why should we "behold the beauty of the Lord" when we are fearful?

Worry and fear and anxiety can only be broken by a stronger attraction. There is only one stronger attraction and that is the beauty of God. "To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple." God's beauty is the best solution to all our fears. He is more captivating and glorious than all my fears.

NOTE from CODkids: What are some of the characteristics that make the Lord beautiful? How do those make you feel?

4) What are some ways we can "behold the beauty of the Lord" when we are fearful?

Your kids will come up with some great ideas, but to prime the pump you can talk about going on a walk in nature and talking to God during that time or reading passages that describe the glory of God (i.e. Colossians 1, Revelation 1, etc.) or meditating on God's attributes as we have this month, etc.

5) At the end of Psalm 27, David says, "I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!" (vs. 13-14)

In what ways have you seen the goodness of the Lord during this quarantine?

Waiting can be a form of worship. In what ways are we having to wait? And how do we wait well to see the goodness of the Lord in the future?

When this quarantine is all over, what do you think is going to be good and beautiful?

God does show us many glimpses of His goodness while we are alive (answered prayer, changed lives, changed circumstances, miraculous interventions, loving provision). With some situations we will have to wait until we are reunited with loved ones in eternity, are cancer free in our new bodies, Jesus restores order, justice, eliminates sin and suffering and restores full beauty, etc.

6) Close in prayer, specifically addressing our fears.

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#### Psalm 27: A Psalm of David

1 A Psalm of David. The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?  
2 When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell.  
3 Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident.  
4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple.  
5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.  
6 And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.  
7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.  
8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."  
9 Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.  
10 When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the Lord will take care of me.  
11 Teach me Your way, O Lord, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.  
12 Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence.  
13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living.  
14 Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

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#### 2020 BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people by 2030.