

Good morning Second,

I pray He will strengthen and encourage you today. If you have a prayer request or a praise you would like to share, please let me know. There's much we cannot do these days but we can always pray.

Wisdom not Worry
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

David testifies, “The Lord is the *stronghold* of my life.” A stronghold is the place we go for security. It’s where we find confidence and strength? What is your stronghold? If you are unsure, fill in the blank to find out – So long as _____ I can feel good about life and about myself. How do you fill in the blank? - So long as I am loved, respected and recognized...So long as my family and I are healthy...So long as I am financially stable... So long as I keep my job...So long as I get a lot done? Filling in the blank with anything other than “the Lord is my stronghold” will leave you vulnerable to discouragement, despair and even death. If the pandemic has taught us anything it is how unreliable these strongholds really are. How quickly a job is lost, our finances falter, a loved one falls ill and our family is separated. While each of these are a source of blessing, they are poor substitutes for the only reliable stronghold. Jesus never falters. Jesus never fails. Jesus is never fleeting. Jesus will never forsake. Jesus is forever faithful! When the Lord Jesus Christ is our stronghold, our “so long as” is immediately followed by “even when” - “Even when the wicked advance against me...an army besiege me...and war break out against me...*I will be confident* (vs. 2,3). How will you fill in the blank today?

Grateful,
Pastor Ben