

Good morning Second Church,

I pray the Spirit blessed you richly in your family worship yesterday. If you have a moment to reply, I'd love to hear about your experience and to learn what we can do to better equip and encourage you in your family worship time.

This week for our "Wisdom not Worry" devotionals I'm excited to meditate on Psalm 27 with you. Take a moment today to read through Psalm 27 as you prepare to journey through this Psalm with me.

Wisdom Not Worry
Monday, March 30, 2020
Psalm 27:1-4

*One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.*

When the going gets tough there are only three ways we turn. We turn *inward* seeking strength from our own store of will power or positive thinking. Or we turn *outward*, desperate for signs the circumstances are improving. Faced with calamity, David urges us to look *upward*. David uses shocking language to describe his dire situation – “When the wicked advance against me to devour me... though an army besiege me... though war break out against me.” You would expect David to ask God for vengeance or protection or justice. Instead he prays for an upward gaze: “...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord...to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.” When trials come David looks for the Lord, looks upon the Lord and looks for wisdom from the Lord. David pleads, “Lord, give me eyes to see You in the midst of the calamity!” As the pandemic continues, the death toll rises, and the loneliness increases, what are you asking for? What are you looking for? Where are you turning? Oh, that we would pray for eyes to see Him.

Grateful,
Pastor Ben