

Good Morning Church,

I pray today's devotional finds you well rested from a good night of sleep. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

**Wisdom Not Worry**  
**Tuesday, March 31, 2020**  
**Psalm 27:7, 9**

**“Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me...Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger.”**

As you read Psalm 27, notice how sandwiched between the confident proclamations of verse 3 – “My heart will not fear...I will be confident” - and the certain hope of verse 13 – “I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!” – is David’s plaintive, pleading cry – “Hear my voice when I call Lord; be merciful and answer me...Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger...do not reject or forsake me. “

The contrast is so striking that some commentators suggest this Psalm is actually composed of two separate Psalms. I don’t think so. Rather, I think David is shown to be an honest portrait of where so many of us live, in that space between our head and our heart, between what we know and how we feel, especially when we are suffering. We *know* the Lord is our light and our salvation, yet at times we *feel* like He has closed His ears to our prayers and rejected us. I’m so thankful David, a man after God’s own heart, lived with this tension as well. Perhaps, with all the sermons, blogs and devotionals of late telling us that we should not fear, your anxiety has caused you to question your faith. Please don’t. Like David we often live somewhere between verses 3 and 13. Don’t deny your fear as evidence of lack of faith. Don’t ignore the tension as a sign of unbelief. Instead, do what David does. Embrace it and bring it directly to the Lord whose own soul was troubled in contemplating his crucifixion (John 12:27). He’s a sympathetic high-priest. He understands.

Grateful,  
Pastor Ben