

5 minute Bible Devotions

Here's a handful of short Bible studies written to help you relate to Jesus this week. Try as many as you can make time for!

Each should take no longer than 5 minutes – unless you want to make it longer!

Devotion 1: The Confidence of the Christian

Read Psalm 27, verses 1-6, and then pray for God's help!

1. In verse 1, what word pictures does David use to describe the LORD?
2. From verses 2-3, what is David's situation? How might you feel in that situation?
3. What does the LORD being David's light, salvation and stronghold lead to in David's heart (v1 and 3)?
4. *Reflect.* What causes you to fear other people? What fears do you have about admitting you are a Christian? Or what do you fear about the great enemy, the devil, himself? How will Jesus being your light, salvation and stronghold help you oppose these fears?

Pray in response, giving thanks to Jesus for being a light, salvation and a stronghold and ask for this to be a reality in the midst of your fears today.

Devotion 2: The Resolve of the Christian

Read Psalm 27, verses 1-6, and then pray for God's help!

1. In v1-3 we saw David's confidence in his LORD. This confidence leads him to resolve to do one thing in v4. What is it?
2. How do the words "dwell", "seek" and "gaze" understand the level of David's commitment to meeting with the LORD?

3. *Reflect.* What is surprising about a powerful king seeking help from the LORD before going to war? Where else might he seek help? Where else do we seek help, instead of the Lord Jesus?
4. What does David expect to see when he gazes at his LORD (v4)?

Ephesians 2 verses 6-7 says this:

⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

5. What is beautiful about our God in these verses? *Turn your answer into a prayer of thanks to Jesus for his beauty, and ask for the resolve to gaze at and meet with Jesus like David did.*

Devotion 3: The Requests of the Christian

Read Psalm 27, verses 7-14, and then pray for God's help!

1. David makes requests of God in v7 and v11. What are they?
2. How do these requests help us understand how we need to relate to Jesus, as Christians?
3. In verses 9 and 10 David imagines losing some important relationships. How do these verses show us how precious relating to God is?
4. *Reflect.* When do you make time in your day (or week) to speak to and listen to Jesus? How does the preciousness of "God my Saviour" (v9) encourage you to do so?
5. As David relates to God, he has words of encouragement for us in verses 13 and 14. How do these verses encourage you?

Pray in response, asking for God's help to prioritise Jesus, to speak to and listen to him, and to be confident and encouraged as you do this.