

Laurie's Story

Psalm 27

I. The Psalms—a wonderful gift from God

Psalms speak to the heart in all kinds of situations.

Learn to find a Psalm that matches your need at the moment.

Meditate continuously on that Psalm.

Many examples

II. Laurie's situation is a great case study of the value of the Psalms.

III. Psalm 27

v. 1 - Note the parallel thought: "The Lord is my light...my stronghold."

v. 2 – "When evil men advance against me, to devour my flesh":
WOW! The Psalm came alive.

Insight: references to enemies and adversaries can have broad application to the things that are oppressing us (v. 2, 3).

v. 4-6 – The Psalmist longs to be in the Presence of God—here and now.

Insight: We may not always feel that same passion but we can aspire to it, so this is a prayer for all of us.

v. 7- 12 – The petition: "Don't turn away from me (even if my parents do), but deliver me."

v. 13 – The answer: "I believe I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." The word for Laurie: "Laurie, it is not time for you to go yet."

v. 14 – The response: "Wait for the Lord, wait."

Laurie's story is a wonderful example of the power of the Psalms. Now you need to learn to apply this lesson to your situation.