



Don't throw away your confidence

PSALM 27 *Of David.*

- 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?
- 2 When evil men advance against me
to devour my flesh,
when my enemies and my foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.
- 3 Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then will I be confident.
- 4 One thing I ask of the LORD,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.
- 5 For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle
and set me high upon a rock.
- 6 Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 7 Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.
- 8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, I will seek.
- 9 Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
O God my Savior.
- 10 Though my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will receive me.
- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me in a straight path
because of my oppressors.
- 12 Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
breathing out violence.
- 13 **I am still confident of this:**
I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
- 14 Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

HEBREWS 10:35

35 So **do not throw away your confidence**; it will be richly rewarded. 36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

Calculate the pressures

▼ Are personal adversaries attacking you?

- 2 When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me,

▼ Are powerful armies advancing against you?

- 3 Though an army besiege me — though war break out against me,

▼ Are parents abandoning you?

- 10 Though my father and mother forsake me,

▼ Are painful accusations arising against you?

- 12 for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

Continue to pray

▼ Get to the house of God

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- 8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD I will seek.

▼ Grab onto the help of God

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- 9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.
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▼ Get onto the highway of God

- 11 Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

Confess and prevail

▼ Confess your faith forcefully

● I will not fear

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
- 1 The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
- 3 My heart will not fear — even then will I be confident.

● I will not be forsaken

- 5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
- 5 he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.
- 10 the LORD will receive me.

● I will not fall

- 2 Evil men — my enemies and my foes — will stumble and fall.
- 6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

● I will not forfeit my faith

- 13 I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

▼ Celebrate God's faithfulness fervently and festively

- 6 At his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

▼ Counsel your family and friends

- 14 Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.