

True Faith
Matthew 8:5-13

Review:

1. Faith in Christ includes complete confidence in His power
2. Faith in Christ requires complete submission to His authority
3. Faith in Christ includes a conviction of our unworthiness

Go further – read Psalm 27

1. In verse 1, what two reasons does David give for why he should not live in fear or dread?
2. How does David summarize his experience with God in verse 2?
3. In verse 3, David says he will not be afraid in the future, even in times of war. Why do you think that was David's worst fear?
4. What does verse 4 say is David's greatest desire? How does such a desire help to put our fears into the proper perspective?
5. What is David confident that God will do for him in verses 5 and 6? How does he say he will respond to this deliverance?
6. In verses 7 and 9, even though David is no longer afraid of his enemies, why do you think he continues to cry out to God?
7. In verses 8 and 10, where does David look for help?
8. In verses 11 and 12, what does David want God to do for him? What do you think this request has to do with the fears and problems he has mentioned in the rest of the psalm? How can our own journey toward righteousness affect our fears and problems?
9. In verse 13, where does David expect to experience God's deliverance? What does this assurance tell us about our own fears and problems?
10. In verse 14, what do you think it means to wait on the Lord?

Apply:

1. Think of some ways that God has delivered you from difficult situations in the past. How have these experiences built your faith?
2. David looks to God, not only to take away his fears, but for real help in the face of his biggest problems. From what fears and troubles are you looking to God for deliverance?
3. How might God be calling you to wait upon Him in the face of your own difficulties? How has such waiting helped you in past times of fear and difficulty?