



“Lead Me in Your Truth and Teach Me”

Psalm 25 - Focusing on the Faith: How
David Found the Faith to Face his Foes

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- *David's problems: he pleads to God in earnest prayer*
- For God's forgiveness of his sins
 - Psalm 25:6-7, 11, 18 - “Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD... 11 For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great... 18 Look on my affliction and my pain, And forgive all my sins.”

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- *David's problems: he pleads to God in earnest prayer*
- For God's deliverance from his enemies
 - Psalm 25:2-3, 20 - “O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. 3 Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause... 20 Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.”

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- *David's problems: he pleads to God in earnest prayer*
- For God's protection from other troubles to himself and Israel
 - Psalm 25:22 - “Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their troubles!”

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- *David's preference: he asks the Lord for the answers and instructions*
 - Psalm 25:4-5 - “Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.”
- Show me: Set the example for me to follow.
- Teach me: Give me instruction that I may obtain knowledge.
- Lead me: Go before me and show me the way.

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- *David’s part: to be completely guided by the Lord’s way* - Psalm 25:4-5
- God’s ways (not the ways of David or other men)
 - Jer. 6:16 - “Thus says the LORD: Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it.”

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- God’s paths (not sin, but righteousness)
 - Titus 2:11-12 - “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age”
- God’s truth (not human reasoning)
 - John 17:17 - “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”
 - Jer. 10:23 - “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”

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- *David’s perseverance: he would exercise patient faith and wait on the Lord to bring these things about*
 - Psalm 25:3, 5 - “Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed... 5 ...You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day”

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- Focusing on the faith and letting Christ guide our lives will bring us forgiveness, deliverance and protection if we persevere in faith
 - John 6:44-45 - “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught by God. Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.”

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- Matt. 11:28-29 - “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”
- Heb. 11:33-34 - “...who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.”

In Order To Learn From Christ To Live By Faith

- We must acknowledge our sins
 - Psalm 25:6-8, 11 - “Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. 8 Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way... 11 For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.”

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- The desolation our sin generates
 - Psalm 25:16 - “Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted... 18 Look on my affliction and my pain, And forgive all my sins.”
 - Psalm 32:3-4 - “When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer”

In Order To Learn From Christ To Live By Faith

- We must be humble
 - Psalm 25:9 - “The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way.”
 - Matt. 11:25 - “At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.”
 - Luke 15:18-19 - “I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”

In Order To Learn From Christ To Live By Faith

- Pride keeps us from living in the truth
 - Matt. 5:3, 5 - “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven... 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.”
 - Psalm 34:18 - “The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.”

In Order To Learn From Christ To Live By Faith

- We must be obedient to God's Will
 - Psalm 25:10 - "All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies."
 - Matt. 7:21 - "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

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- We must be reverent before God
 - Psalm 25:12-14 - “Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. 13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth. 14 The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.”

In Order To Learn From Christ To Live By Faith

- Those who reverence and fear God have nothing else and no one else to fear
 - Acts 10:34-35 - “Then Peter opened his mouth and said: In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.”

In Order To Learn From Christ To Live By Faith

- We must trust in God
 - Psalm 25:15 - “My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net”
- Have faith in God, not in ourselves
 - 1Cor. 1:20 - “Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?”
 - Rom. 12:16 - “...Do not be wise in your own opinion.”

In Order To Learn From Christ To Live By Faith

- Wait patiently for God's will to be accomplished
 - Heb. 6:12 - "...imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises"

Lord, Teach Me To Wait On You

- Begin by praying for this every day
- To have courage and patient endurance
 - Psalm 27:14 - “Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”

Lord, Teach Me To Wait On You

- *God's solutions to opposition will always and inevitably win, over:*
- Misrepresentation
 - Matt. 5:11-12 - “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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- *God's solutions to opposition will always and inevitably win, over:*
- Disingenuous brethren
 - Gal. 2:4-5 - “And this occurred because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage), 5 to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.”

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- *God's solutions to opposition will always and inevitably win, over:*
- Erring teachers
 - 1John 4:1, 6 - "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world... 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

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- *God's solutions to opposition will always and inevitably win, over:*
- Weak and worldly brethren who rebel against the authority of scripture
 - Jude 4 - "For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Lord, Teach Me To Wait On You

- Trust that God's way is right, and then wait for Him to be vindicated
 - Psalm 25:19-20 - "Consider my enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred. 20 Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You."

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- Psalm 37:1-3 - “Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good”
- Psalm 73:1-3, 25-26, 28 - “Truly God is good to Israel, To such as are pure in heart. 2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped. 3 For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked... 25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. 26 My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever... 28 But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.”

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- Do not be ashamed or discouraged; we will rejoice one day, in God's time
 - 1Peter 4:13, 16 - "Rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy...
16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter."

Lord, Teach Me To Wait On You

- God will right every wrong, in His time
 - Gal. 6:7-8 - “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

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- Show me Your ways; Jesus did that
 - 1Peter 2:21; 1Cor. 11:1
- Teach me Your paths; Jesus does that
 - Matt. 28:18-20, 7:13-14
- Lead me in Your truth; Jesus does that
 - John 10:14, 27-29

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- David’s prayer was answered by God because he trusted in the Lord and lived by patient faith - Psalm 25:2, 10
- Live by patient faith and God will answer us when we plead for His forgiveness, deliverance, and protection.