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Confidence Begins With Who God Is

God is our light.

God is our salvation.

God is our stronghold.

Confidence grows before the battle arrives.

God's Presence Is Better Than God's Presents

The greatest blessing is God's presence.

Worship reshapes perspective.

Joy becomes an act of spiritual warfare.

Faith Still Cries Out

Honest prayer is not weak faith.

God invites us to seek him.

Even when people fail us, God remains.

Hope Waits Because God Is Faithful

Faith chooses hope before circumstances change.

Waiting is active trust.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What fear or worry has been occupying your thoughts most recently?
2. Read Psalm 27 aloud. David begins by focusing on who God is before talking about his problems (verses 1-3). Why is that order so important?
3. Which description of God in verse 1 – our light, salvation, or stronghold – encourages you the most today? Why?
4. In verse 4, David says his greatest desire is simply to be in God's presence. What does that reveal about his priorities, and what might it teach us about ours?
5. How has worship or spending time with God helped change your perspective during a difficult season?
6. Verses 7-12 show David praying honestly about his fears. Why do you think honesty is such an important part of a healthy relationship with God?
7. Have you ever experienced a season where you had to "wait for the Lord"? What did God teach you through that waiting?
8. What is one practical way you can replace fear with faith this week? And, who in your life could be encouraged by the hope of Psalm 27, and how might you share that hope with them?