

TREASURES FROM THE

Psalms

Spiritual Reflections for our Walk of Faith





Psalm 27

Spiritual Principles for Living a Fearless Life

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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 THE WICKED ADVANCE AGAINST ME TO DEVOUR ME, IT IS MY ENEMIES AND MY FOES WHO WILL STUMBLE AND FALL. ³ THOUGH AN ARMY BESIEGE ME, MY HEART WILL NOT FEAR; THOUGH WAR BREAK OUT AGAINST ME, EVEN THEN I WILL BE CONFIDENT.

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4 ONE THING I ASK FROM THE LORD, THIS ONLY DO I SEEK: THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, TO GAZE ON 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 SACRED TENT AND SET ME HIGH UPON A ROCK.

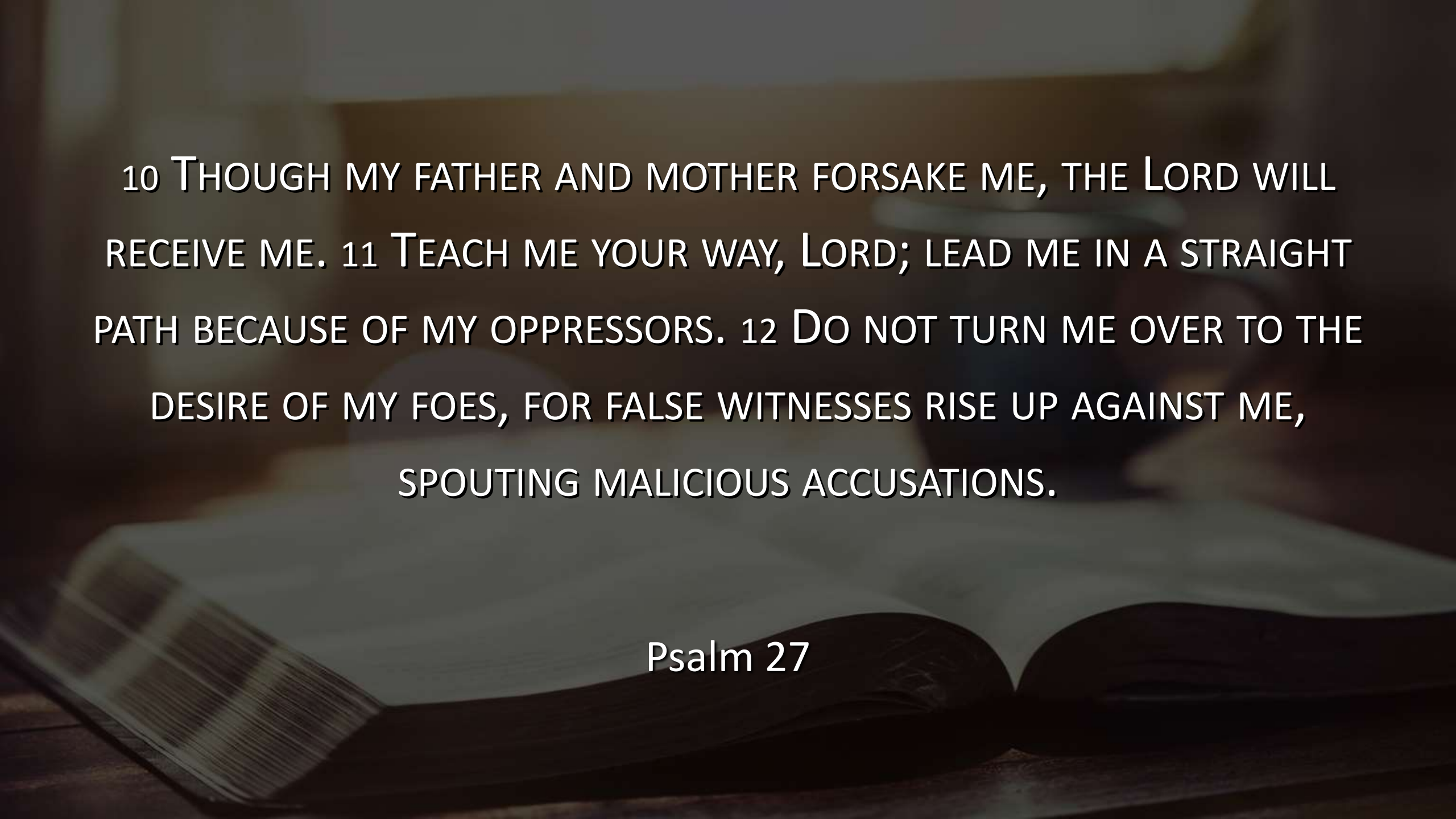
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6 THEN MY HEAD WILL BE EXALTED ABOVE THE ENEMIES WHO SURROUND
ME; AT HIS SACRED TENT I WILL SACRIFICE WITH SHOUTS OF JOY; I WILL
SING AND MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD.

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7 HEAR MY VOICE WHEN I CALL, 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, GOD MY SAVIOR.

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An open book is shown in a dark, moody setting. The pages are slightly aged and the text is overlaid in a white, serif font. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the text and the book.

10 THOUGH MY FATHER AND MOTHER FORSAKE ME, THE LORD WILL
RECEIVE ME. 11 TEACH ME YOUR WAY, 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,
SPOUTING MALICIOUS ACCUSATIONS.

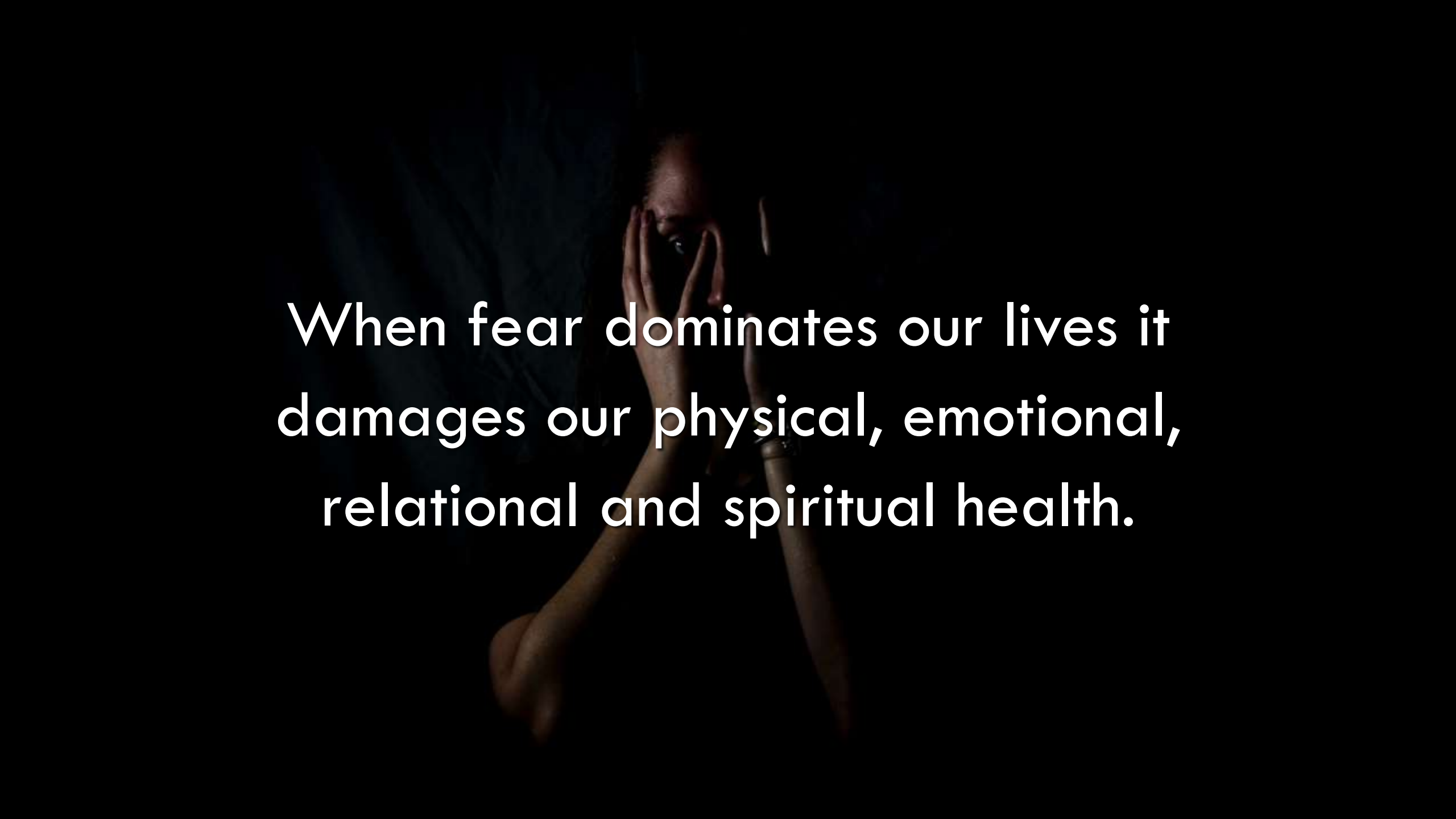
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13 I REMAIN CONFIDENT OF THIS: I WILL SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD
IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING. 14 WAIT FOR THE LORD; BE STRONG AND
TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR THE LORD.

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A person is shown from the chest up, lying down in a dark environment. Their face is partially visible, but they are covering their eyes and nose with both hands, suggesting a state of fear or distress. The lighting is very low, with the person's skin and hands being the primary light source, creating a somber and intense atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

Fear is one of our deepest and most
impactful emotions.

A person is shown from the chest up, sitting in a dark environment. They are covering their face with both hands, with their fingers spread, suggesting a state of distress, fear, or shame. The lighting is very low, with the person's face and hands being the primary light source, creating a somber and intimate atmosphere. The background is completely black.

When fear dominates our lives it
damages our physical, emotional,
relational and spiritual health.



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Four Principles for Living a Fearless Life

A first-person perspective of someone standing on a narrow wooden plank bridge over a rushing river. The bridge is made of weathered wooden planks and has two vertical wooden rails on either side. The water below is turbulent and white with foam. The person's feet, wearing blue sneakers and white socks, are visible at the bottom of the frame, standing on one of the bridge planks. The overall tone is dark and moody.

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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?

Psalms 27:1

“THE LORD IS MY ROCK, MY FORTRESS AND MY DELIVERER; 3 MY GOD IS MY ROCK, IN WHOM I TAKE REFUGE, MY SHIELD AND THE HORN OF MY SALVATION. HE IS MY STRONGHOLD, MY REFUGE AND MY SAVIOR—FROM VIOLENT PEOPLE YOU SAVE ME. 4 “I CALLED TO THE LORD, WHO IS WORTHY OF PRAISE, AND HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM MY ENEMIES...

29 YOU, LORD, ARE MY LAMP; THE LORD TURNS MY DARKNESS INTO LIGHT.

2 Samuel 22:3-4, 29

THOUGH AN ARMY BESIEGE ME, MY HEART WILL NOT FEAR; THOUGH WAR
BREAK OUT AGAINST ME, EVEN THEN I WILL BE CONFIDENT.

Psalms 27:3

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PRINCIPLE #1

TELL YOUR FEAR ABOUT YOUR GOD.

When we raise our faith in God against our fearful imaginations, we are empowered to face any threat we encounter.

A first-person perspective of someone walking across a narrow wooden plank bridge over a turbulent river. The bridge is made of weathered wooden planks and is flanked by two vertical wooden posts. The water below is dark and turbulent, with white foam from the rapids visible. The person's feet, wearing blue sneakers and white socks, are visible on the bridge planks. The overall scene is dimly lit, with a dark, moody atmosphere.

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One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell
in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the
beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Psalms 27:4

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PRIORITIZE GOD'S PRESENCE OVER HIS PROVISION.

Desiring to be *with* God before
wanting to receive anything *from* God.

FOR IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE HE WILL KEEP ME SAFE IN HIS DWELLING; HE
WILL HIDE ME IN THE SHELTER OF HIS SACRED TENT AND SET ME HIGH
UPON A ROCK. THEN MY HEAD WILL BE EXALTED ABOVE THE ENEMIES
WHO SURROUND ME.

Psalm 27:5-6

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God may not give us what we want,
but He always gives us what we need.

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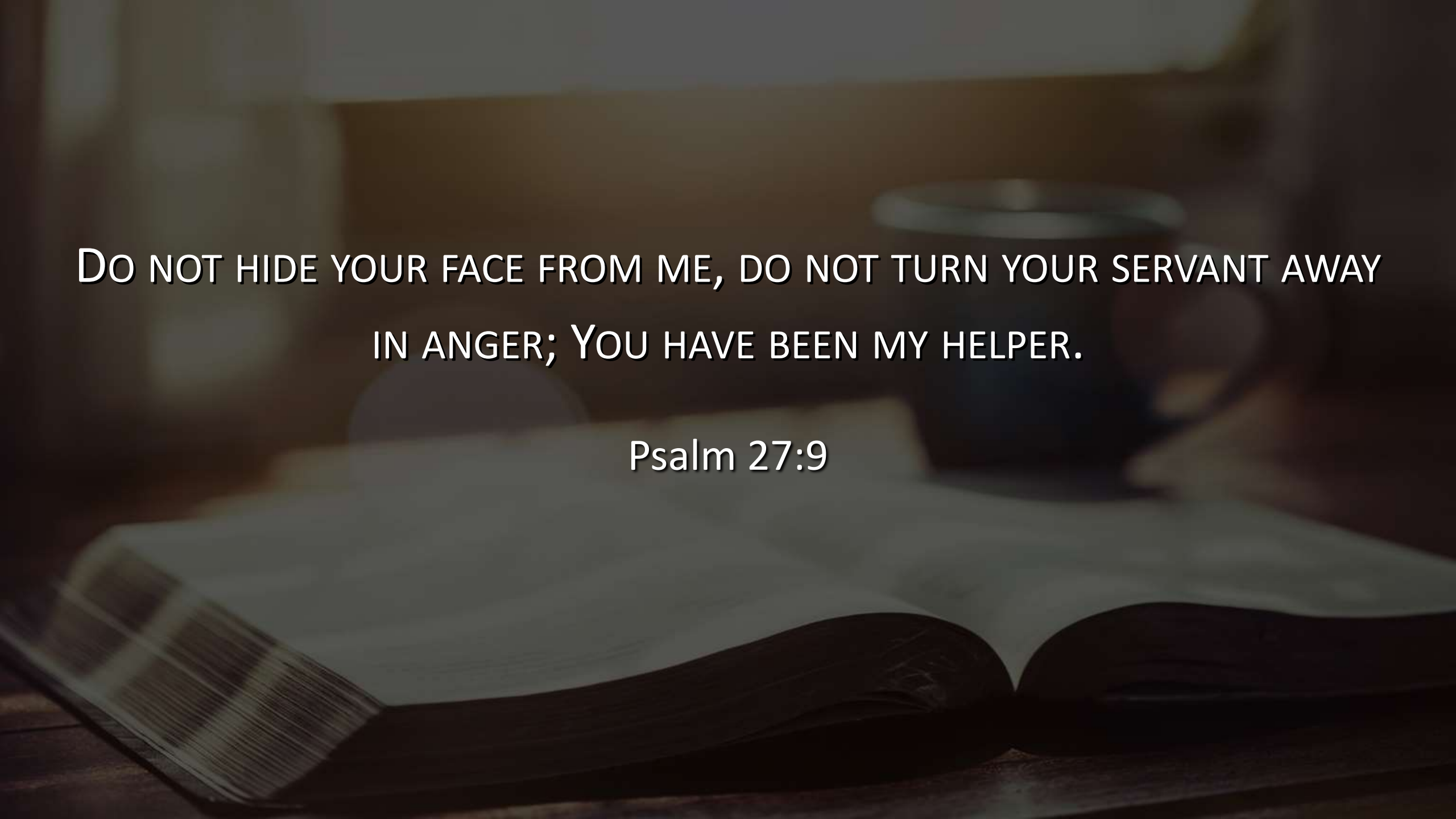
PRINCIPLE #3

TELL GOD ABOUT YOUR FEAR.

An open book lies flat on a dark wooden surface. In the background, slightly out of focus, is a dark blue or black ceramic cup. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a contemplative atmosphere. The text is overlaid in white, sans-serif font.

HEAR MY VOICE WHEN I CALL, LORD BE MERCIFUL AND ANSWER ME.

Psalms 27:7

An open book lies flat on a dark wooden surface. In the background, a dark blue or black ceramic cup sits on a matching saucer. The scene is dimly lit, with a warm, soft light source from the upper left creating a gentle glow and casting subtle shadows. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.


DO NOT HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME, DO NOT TURN YOUR SERVANT AWAY
IN ANGER; YOU HAVE BEEN MY HELPER.

Psalms 27:9

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DO NOT REJECT ME OR FORSAKE ME, GOD MY SAVIOR.

Psalms 27:9

An open Bible lies flat on a dark wooden surface. In the background, a lit candle in a dark holder casts a warm, soft glow. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the candle, creating a contemplative and serene atmosphere. The text is overlaid in white, sans-serif capital letters.

DO NOT LET ME FALL INTO THEIR HANDS. FOR THEY ACCUSE ME
OF THINGS I'VE NEVER DONE; WITH EVERY BREATH THEY
THREATEN ME WITH VIOLENCE.

Psalms 27:12 (NLT)

A first-person perspective of someone walking across a narrow wooden plank bridge over a rushing river. The bridge is made of weathered wooden planks and has two vertical wooden posts on either side. The water below is turbulent and white with foam. The person's feet, wearing blue sneakers, are visible on the bridge planks.

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PRINCIPLE #3

TELL GOD ABOUT YOUR FEAR.

Don't hold back in discussing any of your fears with God, even if they have to do with God Himself.

A first-person perspective looking down a narrow wooden plank bridge over a turbulent, rushing river. The bridge is made of weathered wooden planks and has two vertical wooden posts on either side. The water below is dark and churning with white foam. The person's feet, wearing blue sneakers, are visible at the bottom of the frame, standing on one of the bridge planks.

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“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”

Jeremiah 33:3

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I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27:13-14

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Remember what God has done for you in the past to be confident about what is to come.

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WAIT FOR THE LORD WITH EXPECTATION.

Waiting is not wasting:
Look for the things that God *is* doing instead
of focusing on what He hasn't done yet.

An open book, likely a Bible, is shown from a high angle, lying flat on a dark surface. The pages are white and appear slightly aged. Overlaid on the center of the open book is a white text box containing a Bible verse. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font, with the words 'THEY WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD' in all caps. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some indistinct shapes that could be other books or objects on a shelf.

THEY WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH;
THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY SHALL
RUN AND NOT BE WEARY; THEY SHALL WALK AND NOT FAINT.

Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

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KNOWING GOD INTIMATELY.



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Pursue God with vigor.



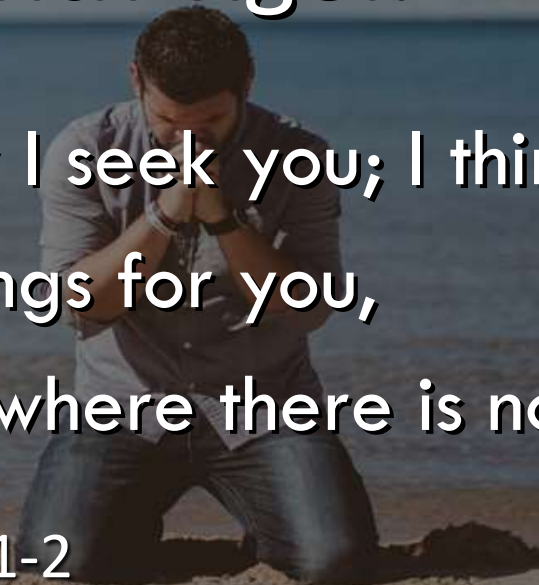
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**You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my
whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.**

Psalm 63:1-2



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Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.

Psalms 119:97



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Involve God in your highs and lows.



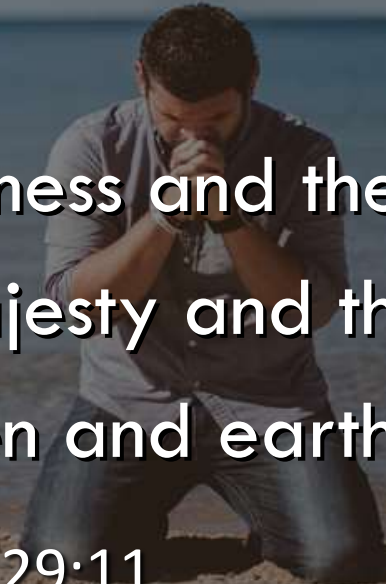
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Involve God in your highs and lows: PRAISE.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

1 Chronicles 29:11



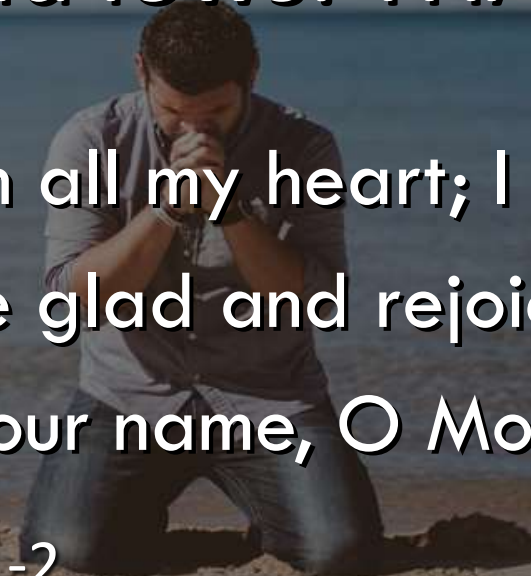
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Involve God in your highs and lows: THANKSGIVING.

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all
your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

Psalm 9:1-2



The key to using these spiritual principles

KNOWING GOD INTIMATELY.

Involve God in your highs and lows: PRAYER.

I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy. I
pour out before him my complaint;
before him I tell my trouble..

Psalm 142:1-2

