

## Psalm 27:7-14

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you,  
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me.

Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup>For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the Lord will take me in.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup>Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

## God Our Good

In various places, the book of Psalms gives readers a glimpse of the situation that the psalmist is facing. As the psalmist cries out to God, we are given a picture of what is going on in his heart, the circumstances that are impacting him, and especially, how he responds to God when life isn't running according to plan. Psalm 27 is a reality check for those who have been rejected or judged falsely. It is our prayer that this psalm will show you how the Lord responds to that kind of pain and how those experiences can encourage us to turn to Him.

1. Read Psalm 27:7-14 and circle every reference to the **psalmist** including (*I, me, my, servant*).

**Reflect:** What do you learn about the psalmist's circumstances? What is happening in his life? (*See verses 10 and 12*)

**Reflect:** What do you learn about his relationship to God? How do his circumstances impact his relationship with the Lord?

2. Read Psalm 27:7-14 and place a triangle over every reference to **God** including (*Lord, you, your, God*).

**Reflect:** What does the psalmist ask God to do or not do?

**Reflect:** What truth does the psalmist believe in verse 13? How does he encourage himself and others to respond to that truth? (*See verse 14*)

When we are rejected or judged falsely by someone it is easy to think that God is absent from our specific situation. But, as we see in this psalm, the Lord is near and actively involved in our lives and will never forsake us. In fact, he even desires for us to seek Him in the midst of the pain. How can knowing this about God encourage you when you find yourself forsaken or falsely accused by others?