6 STEPS TO BEAT BACK DISCOURAGEMENT

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• **David's Life shows 2 Important Facts About Discouragement**

• **We Can Beat Discouragement When Facing Danger Or Difficulty**

• **We Can Beat Discouragement: When Facing An Unknown Future**
• He Did Not Know How, When, Or Where – **He Knew God**

• That: God Is Bigger Than This Situation Or Circumstance

• That: God Will See Him Through

• To Beat Discouragement We Must Respond In Faith & Courage Rather Than In Fear & Discouragement
• **HOW DID DAVID BEAT BACK DISCOURAGEMENT?**

• **READ: Psalm 27:1-14**

• *A Psalm That Tells Us How To Get Through The Difficulties In Life Without Being Discouraged.*
I.) GOD IS OUR STRONGHOLD:

(Psa 27:1 NIV) Of David. 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.) BE CONFIDENT OF GOD'S PROTECTION

• (Psa 27:2-3 NIV) When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. (3) Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.
3.) WE NEED GOD'S PRESENCE & HOUSE:

(Psa 27:4 NIV) One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
• WITH GOD IS SAFETY AND SHELTER:

• (Psa 27:5 NIV) For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock (Psa 27:6a NIV) Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
• 4.) WE MUST PRAISE THE LORD:

• (Psa 27:6b NIV) at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
5.) WE HAVE TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER:

(Psa 27:7-8 NIV) Hear my voice when I call, O LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. (8) My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.
• **HOW TO PRAY**

• *(Psa 27:9-10 NIV)* 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, O God my Savior. *(10)* Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

• 1.) Admit Your Need. 2.) Ask God For Help. 3.) Ask In Faith Knowing That: He Will Hear / He Cares / He Will Answer.
• **Allow God To Teach You Through Discouraging Situations:**

• (Psa 27:11 NIV) Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors
• Pray For The Lord's Goodness To Cancel Out Enemies:
• (Psa 27:12 NIV) Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.
• In Your Prayers Be Filled With Faith
• (Psa 27:13 NIV) I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
6.) BE WILLING TO WAIT ON THE LORD'S ANSWER

- (Psa 27:14 NIV) Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

- There Is A Strength We Develop As We Wait On The Lord & Then See Him Deliver:
• Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV) (31) But those who wait on 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.

LORD, TEACH US TO WAIT!

• As We Wait – Our Weakness Is Exchanged For His Strength
1. God Is Our Stronghold.
2. Be Confident Of God's Protection.
3. We Need God's Presence & His House.
4. We Need To Praise The Lord.
5. We Need To Spend Time In Prayer.
6. We Need To Wait On The Lord.