



SEPTEMBER THEME



Courage

Week Two

Monday ~ **READ**

READ Psalm 27:13-14 in multiple translations and paraphrases. Make note of the different wordings in each.

*www.Biblegateway.com is a great place to view varied translations and paraphrases of Scripture

Tuesday ~ **COPY**

COPY Psalm 27:13-14 from several of the translations and paraphrases that you read on Monday. Underline the phrases that impact your heart and thoughts.

Wednesday ~ **PONDER**

PONDER Psalm 27:13-14 using the following prompts:

***Note:** In earlier versions of the NASB, this week's verses read, 13 *"I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.* 14 *Wait for the Lord. Be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord."* Our pondering will be based on that wording.

- Psalm 27:13 – Define the word, *despair*.
- Read all of Psalm 27 to get a greater context of David's temptation to despair. Then make a list of things that could have easily tempted him to despair in that season of his life. Next, consider your own season of life. Are there things currently taking place that tempt you to despair? Journal your thoughts.
- Psalm 27:13 - What one reason does David give that caused him not to despair?
- Psalm 27:14 – What 3 instructions does David give himself in the midst of this challenging season? Consider the meaning of each. Journal your thoughts.
- Psalm 27:13-14 – It seems it was David's strong knowledge of and faith in the goodness of God that gave him courage to hope! What do you know and believe about the goodness of God? Journal your thoughts.
- Psalm 27:13-14 - Are you lacking the courage to hope? Verse 14 says, *"let your heart take courage."* In other words *"allow your heart"* to believe in the goodness of God. Ponder...is there anything that you may be currently doing, saying, or thinking that is prohibiting you from believing in His goodness? And what could you do to stir up your faith to courageously believe in God's goodness? Journal your thoughts.

Thursday ~ **PRAY**

PRAY Use the prompts below to pray into what we have seen in Psalm 27:13-14:

- PRAISE GOD for speaking into our places of struggle and for calling us to be courageous.
- TALK TO GOD about an area(s) of your life where despair is threatening.
- ASK GOD for greater revelation of His goodness.
- ASK GOD to give you stronger faith and courage to believe in His goodness.
- DECLARE that you will *"wait for the Lord,"* that you will *"be strong,"* and that you will *"let your heart take courage."* And also DECLARE that you *"will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."*

*** Now go back and pray into these Truths from Psalm 27:13-14 for our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan.

Friday ~ **LISTEN**

LISTEN to a message on Psalm 27:13-14 on our YouTube Channel, *Established Footsteps Ministry*.

*The video will be posted by Friday and the link will be sent to you via email.

Saturday ~ **SHARE**

SHARE the encouragement of Psalm 27:13-14 on one of your social media platforms or with a friend.