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Talk together about the glory of God's kingdom. –Psalm 145:11
Love the Lord your God and **walk** in all his ways. –Joshua 22:5

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Anchored in the Storm
Assurance in the Psalms
*Lead Me, Teach Me,
Redeem Me (1 of 8)*

Questions for Reflection or Discussion

Observation — What does it say?

1. In Psalm 25, David brought three interconnected needs before God: a need for guidance, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Let's discover the connections between these three needs:
 - a. What words in David's request for guidance (v. 1-7) show him also to be in need of forgiveness (v. 8-15) and deliverance (v. 16-22)?
 - b. What words in David's request for forgiveness (v. 8-15) show him also to be in need of guidance (v. 1-7) and deliverance (v. 16-22)?
 - c. What words in David's request for deliverance (v. 8-15) show him also to be in need of guidance (v. 1-7) and forgiveness (v. 8-15)?
 - d.

Interpretation — What does it mean?

2. Psalm 25 presents David's needs as deeply interconnected: he needs God to forgive his past, guide his present, and deliver him from his troubles.
 - a. How does past sin enlarge the present need for guidance and deliverance?
 - b. How does receiving God's guidance help resolve past sins and present dangers?
 - c. What truths about God's character are revealed when we receive his guidance and deliverance?

Application — What do I do with this?

3. Our lives are cluttered with the debris of past sin, creating current difficulties requiring God's guidance. As you **listen to this song based on Psalm 25**, quietly meditate on these questions:

Psalm 25 Song



- a. When you face uncertainty, are you primarily asking God for an answer, or are you asking Him to teach and shape you?
 - b. Is there a past sin that you are minimizing or, conversely, believing is too great for God to forgive?
 - c. What present burden are you carrying that you need to bring to God?
 - d. What does active trust look like in a difficult situation you are currently facing?
4. Close in a time of adoration, confession, and thanksgiving for God's love, forgiveness, guidance, and deliverance.



Sermon Summary

Psalm 25 is the prayer of a believer who feels vulnerable, uncertain, and needy. David doesn't begin with a plan. He begins with trust. As we walk through this Psalm, we'll see David bringing three major needs before God: guidance, forgiveness, and deliverance.

I. Trust God When You Don't Know the Way (Psalm 25:1–7)

David is not merely asking God for information; he is asking for inward transformation and life direction. Three requests dominate his prayer: 1) Show me Your ways (vs 4), 2) Teach me Your paths (vs 4), and 3) Lead me in Your truth (vs 5). When you look at it closely, David is asking God to reveal Himself to him. He wants to know God better. David asks: "Lord, would you teach me Your ways?"

God's primary concern is not simply where we are going and what we are doing, but **who** we are becoming. We are focused on process; God is focused on personhood. Our decisions should flow out of our character and our character should be shaped by God's character. Too often we seek God's answers without seeking God's presence. Ask yourself a different question: "Am I trusting God enough to be taught and led by Him?"

II. Seek God's Mercy for What Lies Behind You (Psalm 25:8–15)

David seeks God's mercy and forgiveness. As Christians, we are often trapped by one of two errors. Either #1: We excuse our sin OR #2: We despair over our sin. David appeals to something greater than his sin—the mercy of God. Clinging to God's mercy, steadfast love and covenant faithfulness is the sure foundation of his hope. **GREAT SIN MEETS EVEN GREATER GRACE!** As disciples of Christ, we know that "if we confess our sin, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sin."

III. Wait on God When Trouble Surrounds You (Psalm 25:16–22)

David tells us to wait on God when surrounded by trouble. He becomes intensely personal. **David describes himself as:** Lonely (v. 16), Afflicted (v. 16), Distressed (v. 17,18), Troubled (v. 17,18), Opposed by enemies (v. 19), and Hated (v.19). **Repeated themes appear:** Turn to me and be gracious (v. 17). Forgive me (v. 18). Guard me (v. 20). Deliver me (v. 20). and Let me not be put to shame (v. 20).

When facing difficulties we should actively look to God in faith and ask for wisdom and direction: God, show me what course of action I should take. Perhaps we seek counsel from wise, godly people. Then we should boldly do what we believe God has shown us to do and trust Him for the outcome. Don't only talk to God about your personal concerns; ask God to intervene on behalf of others—your family, your friends, your co-worker, for political leaders, for church leaders. Pray and ask for God's help and wait for His answer. Psalm 25 reminds us that for the Christian, waiting is not passive resignation. Waiting involves active trust.

Psalm 25 teaches God's children to bring every burden to God (See also: Psalm 55:22; 1 Peter 5:7). What burden do you need to cast upon God today? Look to the Lord. Cast your burdens upon him, because He cares for you. Jesus is: 1) The true **Teacher** who leads us in truth. 2) The sovereign **Savior** who bears our guilt, and 3) The righteous **Redeemer** who delivers His people.

Bring your burden to the Lord just as David did:

1) Trust Him. 2) Confess to Him. 3) Wait for Him.

Notes

Digging Deeper in Your Daily Quiet Time

Psalms 25 teaches us that when the past troubles us, we need to seek God's forgiveness, when the present confuses us, we need to seek God's guidance, and when circumstances overwhelm us, we need to seek God's deliverance. And underneath all three requests is the same confidence: God is good, faithful, merciful, truthful, and worthy of our trust. This week let's let Psalm 25 help us turn to God for the guidance, forgiveness and deliverance we need.

Monday—Lift Your Heart to God in Trust (v. 1–3). Faith begins by deliberately placing our confidence in God rather than in ourselves or our circumstances. Ask God to help you lift your heart to him today and trust him even when you cannot see what lies ahead.

Tuesday—Ask God to Show You His Way (v. 4–5). Guidance is not merely asking God to show us which decision to make. It is asking Him to shape us so that we increasingly understand and follow His ways. Ask God to teach you his ways through biblical instruction, to give you patience to wait for his deliverance, and the humility to obey whatever his word says.

Wednesday—Bring Your Past Failures to God's Mercy (v. 6–11). You do not need to hide your disobedience from God (in fact, we can't hide it from him!). The proper response to sin is honest confession combined with confidence in God's steadfast love. In honest prayer, confess your sins concretely to God. Experience his cleansing from guilt. Ask him to help you truly trust in his mercy.

Thursday— Let God Teach You How to Live (v. 8–15) God's guidance is not simply information about what we should do. It is relational. He teaches those who humbly seek Him and desire to walk in His ways. Ask God to help you become more teachable, to give you a heart that fears him, trusts him, and obeys him—no matter what!

Friday—Cry to God When Trouble Closes In (v. 16–19). The psalm becomes increasingly personal: "Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am alone and afflicted." David asks God to see his troubles, forgive his sins, and deliver him from his enemies. In prayer, bring your external troubles and our internal struggles to the same God. He is concerned about both.

Saturday— Entrust Yourself—and God's People—to Him (v. 20–22). David's personal need leads him to remember the needs of God's people. God's work in your life should enlarge your concern for others. Ask God to lift your eyes beyond your own difficulties, and onto the troubles and needs of those around you.