

“Overcoming Challenges in the New Year”

Psalm 27

As we move into a new year and reflect on all the challenges that we faced in 2021 we must conclude that God has been faithful to Hillcrest Church. We’ve had numerous challenges to address and still do, but through God’s help we can overcome challenges in our country, our church, and our personal lives. In today’s passage, King David was in a tight spot, a life-threatening situation, but his faith in God enabled him to successfully cope with the challenge. We learn much about coping with the challenges of life through this Psalm.

#1. WE OVERCOME CHALLENGES THROUGH CONFIDENCE IN GOD’S _____, vv. 1-3

- A. The Lord is my light
- B. The Lord is my salvation
- C. The Lord is the stronghold of my life
- D. The Lord gives victory over our enemies – be confident

Application Point

- ♣ Don’t be overly confident in _____ abilities, be overly confident in God’s abilities working through you

#2. WE OVERCOME CHALLENGES THROUGH _____ THE LORD, vv. 4-6

- A. Desire to be in the house of the Lord, v. 4
- B. Desire to gaze upon the Lord’s beauty, v. 4
- C. Desire to be under God’s protection, v. 5
- D. Desire God’s deliverance, v. 6
- E. Desire the victory celebrate, v. 6

Application Point

- ♣ Worship provides us with a sense of _____ - a safety net

#3. WE OVERCOME CHALLENGES THROUGH GOD’S _____ RELATIONSHIP, vv. 7-12

- A. Overcome challenges through prayer, v. 7
- B. Overcome challenges by connecting to God, v. 8
- C. Overcome challenges by eliminating the fear of God’s rejection, vv. 9-10, Josh 1:5
- D. Overcome challenges by God’s guidance, v. 11
- E. Overcome challenges by God’s protect, v. 12

Application Point

- ♣ People we know, even parents, may reject us, forsake us and even abandon us, but God has established a _____ relationship with us.

#4. WE OVERCOME CHALLENGES THROUGH POSITIVE _____ OF GOD, vv. 13-14

- A. Have hopeful expectations, v. 13
- B. Have patience in your circumstances, v. 14
- C. Have strength & take heart, v. 14, Josh 1:9

Application Point

- ♣ Don’t let your outward circumstances _____ spiritually because God is greater than your challenges

NOTES:

ANSWERS: Abilities, Your, Worshiping, Security, Unbreakable, Permanent, Expectations, Defeat You.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Discuss how each of the attributes of God listed in vv. 1-3, are a source of encouragement to us.
- #2. Why is it important not to be overly confident in your own abilities when facing a challenge?
- #3. Discuss the way(s) in which worshiping God in church gives us a sense of security?
- #4. Why is there such a drastic change in v. 8 from confidence to fear of rejection?
- #5. Why is it important to know that God will never abandon us?
- #6. Why does David mention his parents rejecting him?
- #7. In what ways does God's love surpass parental love?
- #8. Why is it important to remain confident and having expectations of a positive outcome in dire times?
- #9. Why is it important to have patience in waiting for the Lord to intervene in your circumstances?
- #10. Read Joshua 1:9, then compare and contrast that verse with Ps 27:14.
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome To Hillcrest Church Happy New Year!

It's All About Jesus! - 2022

*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?*

Psalm 27:1

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May the Lord extend many blessings to you in 2022

TIME CHANGE FOR OUR ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00 resumes this week

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 resumes this week

Go to the online meeting room on our website

(hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

ANNUAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY AFTER THE SERVICE

Pastor Bruce will be talking about the vision for 2022 in his sermon, then we will have a potluck after the service as we go into our Annual Meeting. Due to the covid pandemic the District Superintendent has given churches permission to suspend their bylaws regarding the election of officers. We will have a financial update from Don, a discussion about our amazing accomplishments in 2021 along with a vision for 2022.

YOGA FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Resumes next Saturday at 10am. Invite a friend

BOOKS FOR THE NEXT SERMON SERIES ARE AVAILABLE

Pastor Bruce's book on legalism is available in the back of the sanctuary. All proceeds of the book go into the building fund to make improvements on the facility. The asking price is \$20, but any donation will do. This series on legalism begins January 16.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).