

Silence (2 minutes) Take some time to be quiet, to calm down, and to listen. What has God been teaching you? What are the next steps He wants you to take? How is your spirit doing?

Scripture "For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off." Psalms 37:28

Discussion This entire psalm contrasts the lives and outcome of those who are faithful or just with the wicked. The following are what the psalm says the just or faithful do or are commanded to do. We are to stay away from worry and envy of the wicked, as well as anger, wrath, and evil. Regarding the Lord, we are to trust in Him, commit our way to Him, delight in Him, dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture, and wait patiently and be still before Him. His law is to be in our hearts. We are to keep to His way and take refuge in Him. Regarding people we are to do good and speak wisdom and what is just. This psalm describes someone who has a deep personal relationship with God in enjoyable and hard times, a firm commitment to God Himself and to His ways, a deep knowledge of the Bible, who stays away from what is not of God, and who does good to people and speaks wisdom. This is a faithful person. How do we compare? What are our strengths and in what areas do we need to change and mature?

Application Before the end of the day, take time to tell God all the ways you've noticed that He has been faithful to you and be sure to thank Him.

Prayer Father, thank You for giving me this example of what it means to be faithful. I praise You that You are God and King of all, and You are personal. I praise You that You are faithful to those who belong to You. I praise You that Your ways are good and Your speech is wise beyond my understanding. I praise You that You are holy and there is no sin in you. Father, please work in me to make me more like You. Thank You, Father. Amen.

Silence (2 minutes) Talk to God about what you are learning. What are your fears? Where are your hangups? Pray for direction.

