

## Day 3

# Goodness

**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** *“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.”* Psalms 27:13-14

**Discussion** This passage is the ending of a psalm by David. Previously, he stated his confidence in the Lord, that the Lord protects and welcomes him even if he is rejected by others. Throughout the psalm he set a foundation of seeking the Lord’s presence, calling to Him, asking for mercy, and asking for God’s teaching. Enemies are now rising up against him and he closes with the above two verses. Even though David is in danger, as we sometimes are, he is confident, and we can be too. If we also seek God’s presence, call out to Him, ask for mercy, and ask for His teaching, we won’t merely know the fact that God is good, but we will see His goodness. The speech and actions of God that demonstrate His goodness will be evident and we will witness them. Both in this life and in the land of the living beyond here, we will witness God’s goodness. While we live each day, sometimes through difficult events, we need to be strong and wait expectantly for the Lord.

**Application** The goodness of God is not something that we as Christians can live without! Indeed, each of us has seen the goodness of God in the fact that we have hope for salvation. God’s goodness is an ever-present reality for all Christians. This raises the question: do we live as though we are within God’s goodness? Do we speak with our family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors as though we are aware that in every moment we are the benefactors of God’s goodness? Consider this week: What ways might you act noticeably different if you were to take time and meditate on God’s goodness as often as you are reminded of it.

**Prayer** Father I praise You that You are good and that You demonstrate your goodness for me to see. I commit myself to seek Your presence, call out to You, ask for Your mercy, and ask for Your teaching. Whether times are easy or hard, Lord, may I continue to seek You and wait for You. You are my strength, my confidence, my God. Amen.

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

**Scripture memory** for the week:

*“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”* Psalms 23

