

Second Sunday of Lent - March 13, 2022

Trust God and Find your Connections

[Psalm 27](#)

¹³ I believe that I shall 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; wait for the LORD!

When I think of this passage, I think of the past few years. I was so confident in the work that I was doing at Spring Heights Camp and Retreat Center and in the church that I attend. I was so confident and secure that I didn't feel that doing anything else was needed or that I could better my work. Then everything changed; COVID came, and I did not get to have camp. Churches were shutting down, and we all were stuck at home.

After two years and a rough summer, I knew that this all must have happened for a reason. I felt that I could be doing more. In the middle of COVID, the church that I attend developed a youth program with the help of my mom and support of the pastor and church members. Before this we had 4 youth in the church, 3 were my kids and nephew. Now our youth program has an average of 20 kids each week. It was a risk, but with prayer and trusting the Lord and ignoring the foes, it has been great.

I also knew that I could not have another summer like 2020, so with lots of conversation with my supervisor and support from the Conference and churches, we decided to expand our DaySpring Mobile Camp. This was a risky move; this was something that I kept hearing the enemies and the negatives on why this should not happen.

But over all the other voices, I heard God saying, "I remain confident of this, trust me, and let me guide you." That is what we did; we trusted the Lord, and it was a success. It was a success because not only did I feel that I had purpose again, but it was also so much bigger. I saw campers, volunteers, and staff grow in faith. I was able to connect with 30 churches and show that sometimes reaching out and taking a different path is the path God provides.

Trust God and follow him; he knows the way. Connecting in ways that you never thought and going with it is putting your trust in the Lord. Make him your connection point and go down his path.

***Prayer:** Dear heavenly Father, You are my sufficiency and strength, my light and my life - my all in all. I pray that when dark clouds of unknowing loom across my heart that I immediately call to mind the wonderful truth of who You really are, and of the wonderful security and eternal salvation I have in Christ, in whose name I pray, Amen.*

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