

Last month Nancy and I spent four days in Birmingham, Alabama visiting our daughter Jennifer and attending a training conference. Our travel from Port Alberni to Birmingham was bit exhausting, as it meant first driving to Victoria, and then flying from Victoria to Calgary, Calgary to Houston, and Houston to Birmingham. For the most part, though the process took over 14 hours, our travel each way went pretty well. We always thank God for that, and especially this time, because as we prepared to come back home, it didn't look like our travel would be very smooth, as a major storm system was moving in across the southern and southeastern part of the United States – which ultimately would sprout off thunderstorms and 17 tornadoes that take the lives of 19 people over a 48 hour period of time. While God providentially guided our planes from Birmingham and Houston to skirt by the worst part of the storms, we did have to endure some turbulence – and our take offs and landings from both airports were both done in pouring rain and in the blindness of low-hanging, thick cloud cover. There is always something unnerving about flying in an airplane when you can't see anything out the window – and it doesn't help when you are in the turbulence of stormy clouds. Some years ago I asked a friend of mine who had a pilot's license what the hardest part of flying was. He said that when you first start flying, it's taking off and landing, but after a while you get a feel for doing both, and as your confidence level grows, you are able to stay fairly calm during the process. But what you never truly get comfortable with, he said, is trusting in the instruments of the airplane, especially when you get caught in a storm and you are not able to see. Everything within in you wants to look out the windshield and figure out what's going on, but to do so would be fatal. You must fully trust your instruments because they do not lie. In spite of what you might see, the instruments reveal the truth about where you are.

This reality is reflected in our faith in God. We may claim to have faith in God; but whom do we trust when we find ourselves blinded by the cloudy storms of life? Living a life of faith in God through Jesus Christ means we are not to trust in our sight or our reason or our feelings but rather in the unseen God, through the Holy Spirit, by the power of the crucified and risen Christ, who always tells us the real truth. The Bible defines “faith” as much more than just the felt emotion of believing in your mind that something is true. Biblical “faith/belief” is a trust commitment of the heart whereby we fully surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to the reality that God is sovereignly in control of everything in the universe – from the movements of the expanse of the galaxies; to the molecules that are holding together the chairs you are sitting on; to the horrific violence of the war against the Islamic terrorists of ISIS in Mosul that is happening this very morning; to every, single heart-beat within the chest of each and every one of us at this very moment; to the worst possible situation or event that has ever happened or is happening or will happen in our lives; to the greatest and most joyful, life changing situation or event that has happened, or is happening or may happen in our lives. Paul tells us we see this in Jesus.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:15-21

This morning we continue in our series of sermons focused on the life of King David – and focused most specifically on why King David is biblically known as “a man after God's own heart” – which we've been looking at in the light of words that came from God Himself, who in Acts 13:22 said: “*I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.*” Now up to this point we've not seen anything in David that would have conflicted with those words. But we know that David, like ourselves, still suffered from the deadly effects of humanity's fall in the Garden of Eden. Even at his best, David wasn't immune to the influence of remaining the sin that still lies within us all.

What we will see in our text for today is that David's greatest test of faith was not when he faced the giant Goliath, but *rather the test of trusting God when he sought to live out God's call for his life in the midst of difficult circumstances*. In the chapters we are looking at, we will see the transition between David's service in the court of Saul's kingdom and his exile as a fugitive from Saul. In these pages God's Word will reveal to us how David was moved from being Saul's favorite to being Saul's foe. And we will also see the "why" of God sovereignly did so – in that God orchestrated the circumstances of David's life to test David's heart, to see if David truly trusted God when difficult trials, painful struggles and life-threatening events came into his life. This is relevant to everyone us here today. God is always at work testing the trust of our hearts. In 2 Chronicles 19:9 we read that, *"the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him."*

As we step into 1 Samuel 19, we so in the context of chapter 18 where David's call to serve King Saul moves from being a blessing to a curse. Saul's love for David turns to anger and jealousy as David's fame grows from his success in defeating the Philistines. At the end of the chapter we read: *"But when Saul saw and knew that the Lord was with David, and that Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him, Saul was even more afraid of David. So Saul was David's enemy continually. Then the commanders of the Philistines came out to battle, and as often as they came out David had more success than all the servants of Saul, so that his name was highly esteemed"* (1 Samuel 18:28-30). It's here we begin to see God's testing of David's heart.

And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. And Jonathan told David, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning. Stay in a secret place and hide yourself. And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you. And if I learn anything I will tell you." And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the Lord worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?" And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, "As the Lord lives, he shall not be put to death." And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan reported to him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before. And there was war again. And David went out and fought with the Philistines and struck them with a great blow, so that they fled before him. Then a harmful spirit from the Lord came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing the lyre. And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night. 1 Samuel 19:1-10

Here we see the first testing of David's heart for God in that when Saul threatened to kill him, David put his trust in Jonathan rather than God. Sure, as the king's son, Jonathan could intervene for David. But God knew Saul's heart better than Saul's son did. Even though Saul swore that he would protect David, he did not fulfill his promise. No sooner did David win another victory against the Philistines on the battlefield than Saul's anger and jealousy returned – and he again threw spear at David. David made the mistake of trusting Jonathan to intercede for him, rather than trusting in God to do so. We see this same issue in the rest of chapter 19. In verses 11-17 we read of David putting his trust in his wife Michal (Saul's daughter) to protect him. He agrees with her to make a up lie and deceive Saul, and they do so, and Saul finds out, which makes things even worse. In verses 18–24 we read of David putting his trust in Samuel, which was a better choice than Jonathan and Michal. Samuel prayed for David, which caused the "*Spirit of God*" to protect David from Saul, revealing that David should have just put his trust in God rather than Samuel. We know that at this point David did come to understood this by the words he wrote during this time in Psalm 59: *"Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me; deliver me from those who work evil, and save me from bloodthirsty men. . . . O my Strength, I will watch for you, for you, O God, are my fortress"* (Psalm 59:1-2; 9).

But, as we step into 1 Samuel 20-21 we will see that, while David wrote psalms that reflected the hope of his trust in God, David still has not *truly* put *all* of his trust in God. It's here where we read of the man known as "a man after God's own heart" was a man of faltering faith who trusted in himself. Rather than seeking to know and do "*all of God's will*" David flees in fear and tries to lie his way out of his problems. In chapter 20 David gets together again with Saul's son Jonathan, and rather than praying know and do all of God's will, they made plans together to protect David by deceiving King Saul by lying. Saul doesn't believe Jonathan and it almost cost him his life. In chapter 21 David flees to the city of Nob, where he meets Ahimelech the priest at the tabernacle there. David lies to Ahimelech by telling him he is there to do business for Saul. The priest believes him and in response he gives David and his men holy bread to eat and the sword of Goliath for protection. But one of Saul's spies see all of this; he exposes who David is, and David flees to Gath, a city of the Philistines. Later on, when Saul becomes aware of what David has done, and he has Ahimelech, 84 priests and everyone in the city put to death.

David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?" And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?" . . . David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. 1 Samuel 21:10-15; 22:1

David's actions here remind us how we who call ourselves a people of faith can gradually become a people of fear and unbelief. If we trust in people and if we trust in our own fears, our own beliefs, our own feelings, our own reasoning, our own truth, our own plans - before long everything will fall apart and we'll find ourselves out of the place of God's sovereign protection and gracious blessing. It is at this point, when David is expelled by Achish from the enemy city of Gath, that David again seems to awaken to the reality of his great need to put his total trust in God. This is when David wrote Psalm 34.

*I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.
Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

In 1 Samuel 22–24 we find David completely separated from his call to serve King Saul, as he is now is considered a rebellious outlaw. In chapter 22 we read that after escaping from King Achish in Gath, David gathered his family and assembled a loyal band of followers at the cave of Adullam, a crowd of 400 men that eventually grew to 600. This army was “motley crew” of men who were in distress, in debt and discontented – reflecting those who are spiritually distressed, spiritually in debt and spiritually discontented who would flee to Jesus Christ about 1000 years later - and we continue to do so today.

It's also in this chapter where we read about Saul's murder of the priests and everyone in the city of Nob. This also is a reflection of to what extent people will go once they have rejected the Lord - whether it be Islamic terrorists exterminating Christians or the promoting of abortion, sexual identity options or euthanasia. In such matters, our trust in God, our love for God, our heart for God to do all of God's will, makes a dramatic difference. Saul hated David so much that David's presence at Nob brought death to city of Nob. But David was not guiltless. His deception, his lying to Achish, resulted in a tragic end for God's people in Nob. Saul also gives us a picture of how we often deal with such things. In 1 Samuel 15 tells us that Saul was unwilling to slay the Amalekites who were the pagan enemies of Israel, yet in 1 Samuel 22 he had no problem slaying innocent priests and people. What we do and what we don't do - reveal the testing of where our hearts and our lives and our souls are with God.

This period of persecution in David's life that drove him to live in a cave was a part of his preparation for the throne. He was already a great soldier; now he needed to suffer in the wilderness to learn *not* to trust men or himself, but to trust God. God calls us, sends us, drives us into spiritual caves to bring us closer to Him and to equip us to serve Him. God tests our hearts not only to see how much we trust Him, but also to shape and mold our hearts to serve him. Wilderness testing is the means by which God bring us closer to Himself – which deepens our trust in Him and equips us to fully give our lives to Him.

We can see those things at work in David's heart in two psalms David wrote while he was in the cave.

*O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.
O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.
For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.
Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.
With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.
For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.*
Psalm 54:1-7

*With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.
I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.
When my spirit faints within me, you know my way!
In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.
Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.
I cry to you, O LORD; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”
Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!
Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name!
The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.*
Psalm 142:1-7

In 1 Samuel 23 we read of God's response to the cry of David's heart. God guarded David's life in the midst of circumstances that easily could have caused his death. God delivered David from betrayal, persecution and capture because David put his trust in God. And God guarded and delivered David from betrayal, persecution and capture in a way that revealed God is always sovereignly in control.

When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats' Rocks. And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed." So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way. 1 Samuel 24:1-7

Here is where we see why God would say: *"I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will."* God sovereignly gave David an opportunity to rid himself of an enemy who had continually been trying to kill him. But David had gone through the wilderness testing of his trust in God; and David had experienced spiritual caves of fully giving himself to God, so that he would be prepared and equip to serve God. And so when the time came to rid himself of the difficult trials and the painful struggles and the life-threatening events that came into his life – David chose to trust God, because he had experienced the reality that God is sovereign over everyone and everything. And God responded to the trust of David's heart, by giving David the grace he needed to show the kindness of life to his mortal enemy. That is the gospel, that is the grace we know in the crucified and risen Christ!

"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life" (Romans 10:5). "And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him" (Colossians 1:21-22). "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:1-7).

Proverbs 16:32 says: *"Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city."* This is the path David chose as he entered the cave. Rather than put Saul to death, David honored Saul as king even though the king was out of God's will. Of this experience David wrote:

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.
I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.
He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me.
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!
My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts—
the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!
They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my way, but they have fallen into it
themselves. My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast!
I will sing and make melody! Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!
I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth! Psalm 57:1-11*

The rest of chapter 24 tells us that after Saul left the cave and had gone some distance away. David boldly stepped out to speak to Saul. David told Saul that he was listening to lies about David; if he really wanted to kill Saul he would have done so in the cave. The piece of Saul's robe was evidence enough that David was telling the truth. Saul responds by weeping and confessing his guilt; but the remaining chapters of 1 Samuel will reveal that was nothing more than shallow, passing emotions. Saul's heart would never change. We see that at the end of the chapter as Saul admitted that David was the rightful king, yet he would continue to persist in trying to put David to death. The remaining chapters of 1 Samuel also tell us of Samuel's death, David's sparing Saul's life again, Saul's dabbling with witchcraft, David's defeat of the Amalekites, and the tragic death of King Saul and his three sons.

As we finish 1 Samuel, let us consider two distinct characteristics that stand out in how David responded towards Saul in our text for today, that reveal the depth of David's heart for God. The first is *David's Response to Saul's Spears*. 1 Samuel 19:9-10 tell us: *A harmful spirit from the Lord came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing the lyre. And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.*" In his book *A Tale of Three Kings: A Study in Brokenness* Gene Edwards writes:

What do you do when someone throws a spear at you? . . . everyone else in the world knows what to do when a spear is thrown at you. Why, you pick up the spear and throw it right back! . . . Everyone else does, you can be sure. And in performing this small feat of returning thrown spears, you will prove many things: You are courageous. You stand for the right. You boldly stand against the wrong. You are tough and can't be pushed around. You will not stand for injustice or unfair treatment. You are the defender of the faith, keeper of the flame, detector of all heresy. You will not be wronged. All of these attributes then combine to prove that you are also a candidate for kingship. Yes, perhaps you are the Lord's anointed . . . after the order of King Saul. . . . Unlike anyone else in spear-throwing history, David did not know what to do when a spear was thrown at him. He did not throw Saul's spears back at him. Nor did he make any spears of his own and throw them. Something was different about David. All he did was dodge the spears. What can a man, especially a young man, do when the king decides to use him for target practice? What if the young man decides not to return the compliment? First of all, he must pretend he cannot see spears. Even when they are coming straight at him. Second, he must learn to duck very quickly. Last, he must pretend nothing happened. You can easily tell when someone has been hit by a spear. He turns a deep shade of bitter. David never got hit. Gradually, he learned a very well-kept secret. He discovered three things that prevented him from ever being hit. One, never learn anything about the fashionable, easily mastered art of spear throwing. Two, stay out of the company of all spear throwers. And three, keep your mouth tightly closed. In this way, spears will never touch you, even when they pierce your heart.

In Matthew 5:8 Jesus said: "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*" Amen? Amen!

As we end our walk through 1 Samuel, the second distinct characteristic that stands out in how David responded towards Saul in our text for today, that reveal the depth of David's heart for God is *David's Response to Saul's Mistreatment*. In 1 Samuel 24:5-6 we read: "*David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed."*" In his book *The Bait of Satan: Living Free from the Deadly Trap of Offense* John Bevere writes the following:

Saul hated David because he knew God was with David but not with him. . . . But notice that God, not the devil, who placed David under the care of Saul. Why would God not only allow this but also plan it? Why was favor dangled before David's eyes only to have it abruptly taken away? This was a prime opportunity for David to be offended—not only with Saul but also with God. . . .

Saul was so determined to kill this young man, at any cost, that his madness increased. He became a desperate man. Priests in the city of Nob provided David with shelter, food, and Goliath's sword. They knew nothing about David's running from Saul and thought he was on a mission for the king. They inquired of the Lord on David's behalf and sent him on his way. When Saul found out, he was furious. He killed eighty-five innocent priests of the Lord and put the entire city of Nob to the sword—every man, woman, child, nursing infant, cow, donkey, and sheep. He carried the judgment against them—the innocent—that he was supposed to carry against the Amalekites. He was a murderer. . . Yet David would not kill Saul even though Saul had murdered innocent people and wanted to murder David as well. David would not avenge himself, but he left it in the hands of God. Of course, it would have been easier to put an end to it right there—easy for David and for the people of Israel. . . David made this decision even though he knew Saul's only comfort was the thought of his destruction. David had proved his purity of heart when he spared Saul the first time. Yet even when David had a second chance to kill Saul, he would not touch him. Saul was anointed of the Lord, and David left him in God's hand to judge. How many people today have a heart like David's?

In Matthew 5:11 Jesus said: *“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”* Amen? Amen!

The greatest tests of our faith in God through Jesus Christ are not the giant Goliath events we go through in life, but *rather the test of how we trust God as we live out God's call for our lives in the midst of difficult circumstances.* Whom do we trust when we find ourselves blinded by the cloudy storms of life? Living a life of faith in God through Jesus Christ means we are not to trust in our sight or our reason or our feelings but rather in the unseen God, through the Holy Spirit, by the power of the crucified and risen Christ. God is always creating and allowing us to experience difficult circumstances and situations to test and shape our hearts and souls. God calls us, sends us, drives us into spiritual caves to bring us closer to Him and to equip us to serve Him. God tests our hearts not only to see how much we trust Him, but also to shape and mold our hearts to serve him. Wilderness testing is the means by which God bring us closer to Himself - to deepen our trust in Him and equip us to fully give our lives to Him.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2

But David went through the wilderness testing of his trust in God; and David had experienced spiritual caves of fully giving himself to God, so that he would be prepared and equip to serve Him. And so when the time came to rid himself of the difficult trials and the painful struggles and the life-threatening events that came into his life – David chose to trust God, because he had experienced the reality that God is sovereign over everyone and everything. And God responded to the trust of David's heart by giving David the grace he needed to show the kindness of life to his mortal enemy. That is the gospel, that is the grace we know in the crucified risen Jesus Christ. This is the heart we see in David.

*Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!
For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.
Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.*

He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Psalm 37:1-6