



### Questions:

1. What are some of the sources of fear in our modern world?
2. How might the fears of Israel at the time of King David been similar to our own?
3. What stood out for you from Psalm 27?
4. Bruce and Eric suggest that painful experiences in life can be part of a cycle that brings us closer to God. What do you think?
5. In what ways does Psalm 27 represent the cyclical experience Bruce compared to the Grand Canyon Suite?
6. Have there been experiences in your life when your confidence was shaken? What was the outcome?
7. Can the struggles of our life lead us to deeper levels of trust?

### EPISODE TITLE: "Psalm 27"

#### Can We Talk?, Episode 6

#### Featured Guest: Bruce Van Blair

Bruce's interests keep him going in several different directions including the start up of a new house church (now streamed live from our Countryside Chapel), and most recently joining the Countryside community to begin our new ministry "Converging Paths;" a partnership venture with the BTS Center in Bangor Maine, exploring our vocational callings in our everyday workplaces, and our leadership in faith communities. Bruce has written a wide collection of sermons as well as several books, including *The Believer's Road*, and *In A Nutshell*.

#### Pneuma Divina Scripture: Psalm 27

Of David.

<sup>1</sup> 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?

<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his  
tent;  
he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent

sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

<sup>10</sup> If my father and mother forsake me,  
the Lord will take me up.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.

<sup>12</sup> Do not give me up to the will of my  
adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against  
me,  
and they are breathing out violence.

<sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall see the goodness  
of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart take  
courage;  
wait for the Lord!