

## **Wednesday, April 8**

*Scripture reading: Psalm 27:1*

When we are young, we seem to be strong and fearless, but as we grow in years and experience, we find more and more things to be afraid of. When this verse was first given me as my confirmation verse, it didn't make much sense. As I grew into maturity, I learned there would be many times in my life when I would recall this verse and gain renewed strength from its words.

It was not just standing up before a crowd of people to speak where this verse gave me strength, but in places I had to go or things I had to do. I remember one time after doing a training session in Miami, I found out I had done it in one of the toughest neighborhoods and that I really shouldn't have gone there by myself. But I really wasn't by myself, God was with me. God was also with us that night in the small bathroom of our Florida home as Hurricane Andrew blew through Homestead. He was there during the recovery, helping us every step of the way and giving us courage and strength with each new day.

The Lord is the stronghold of my life, I believe this with all my heart. No matter what the new adventure may be or what troubles befall us, He is there to hold us up and carry us over the rough times. All we have to do is give our lives to His care, and His courage and in the end salvation will be ours. He sent His only Son to die for me (us) that I (we) might have eternal life. The world can do nothing to me that will take that away. Of whom shall I ever be afraid?

*Prayer: Dear Lord, as we once again remember the way in which your Son suffered and died for us, let us also remember His resurrection and the joy and confidence that gives us every day of our lives. Help us to remember that during the tough times you never leave us as you never left your Son. Thank you for sending Jesus, that eternal life may be ours and that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us in your way. In your name we pray, Amen*

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