



HANOVERDALE CHURCH

PSALM 127 | *The Pinnacle of a Pilgrim's Playlist*

Road Trip Mixtape

DEVOTIONALS FOR THE WEEK OF:

July 5, 2026

This week let's dig deeper into God's design of the book of Psalms and the impact it can have as the soundtrack of our journey!

Monday: PSALMS 1 & 2 | Introduction & Setting the Tone

Read these two chapters together. You may be familiar with chapter 1, but read it alongside chapter 2 and think about all the contrasts between what these Psalms reveal about the character of God and what part of the overarching story of scripture each poem brings to your mind. What tensions are there between these two Psalms? What important truths are they calling you to lean on? How do they speak to or convict you on the quality of your current devotional life? How do they speak to or convict you on recognizing your need to confess, repent, and humble yourself before God submitting to Him has both the wise, righteous judge AND the compassionate, merciful, protector King.

Tuesday: PSALMS 13 & 19 | Lament & Praise

Read each of these Psalms together. Have you ever felt the deep questioning and concern with God's silence / distance that David expresses in Psalm 13? How about the sure confidence in God's goodness and ability to keep you on the right path that David expresses in Psalm 19? We, like David, are fickle people. Yet, God is unchanging and steadfast. How can you learn from David's honest wrestling with God in times of lament? How can you learn from his fervent praise in times of blessing? How can we carry these two common experiences together faithfully before our God? We should never get stuck in lament that doesn't push us towards praise as is David's trajectory in Psalms 13, but we should never feel as though we must hide our laments either! Dealing honestly with our laments can increase the depth and volume of our praise!

Wednesday: PSALM 40 | Torah & Messiah

Read this passage and consider how strongly these recurring themes of the Psalms are present! How does it celebrate the importance of obedience to God's law? How does it emphasize our need for a deliverer? How does it call us to experience that

deliverance through confession and repentance as we trust GOD to faithfully save and forgive? Are your devotional rhythms playing scriptures “greatest hits” enough in your life? Are you routinely called back to the truth of what God has done for you through Christ and His death / resurrection? Do you seek to be intentional bringing your burdens and you blunders before God in humility? Is the soundtrack of your Christian Journey playing enough “tunes” that remind you of all that God has done for you?

Thursday: PSALMS 56 & 71 | Faith & Hope

Read these Psalms together. Psalms are meant to encourage us to keep our faith and trust in God no matter how trying or challenging our circumstances are! How does Psalm 56 teach us to pray in the midst of our greatest trials? How does Psalm 71 remind us of the greatness of our hope that can not be taken away by anything happening on this earth? How can truly internalizing this and meditating on these kinds of truths impact the way you live your life and interact with others? Who in your life needs to hear these truths right now?

Friday: PSALMS 120 - 124 | Songs of Ascent

Put on your investigator hat! This is the first mini-set of five Psalms (or songs) within the Songs of Ascent. As you read them in order, can you follow the upward trajectory of starting stuck in your surrounding problems up to the experience of peace and blessing found by being present in the house of the Lord? How many parallels do you see in Psalms 120 - 121 with 123 - 124? Do you see a changed perspective even though the existence of surrounding problems are still present? What passages in this section are most meaningful / encouraging to you? Do the truths of these songs remind you of any hymns or worship songs that you know?

Saturday: PSALM 127 | God must be at the Center

Read it carefully. This is the center of the center of the Psalms of Ascent! (*say that 10x's fast!*) And, this is where we will drill down even further on the coming Sunday. How can we be close to or involved in a place of religious activity, yet not be truly connected to what God is doing? What does it mean to put God at the center of your journey? How do you know if you've drifted and lost your focus and have let other things become the centerpiece / focal point of your journey? How can you be intentional about weaving in patterns and practices that teach you to rely on and come back to experiencing God and trusting in His goodness? What spiritual disciplines might you need to work on or try out that might keep you more routinely focused on journeying with God through every part of your life?