

# The Correspondent



**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study (Adult) 1:30 PM  
Bible Study (All Ages) 7:00 PM  
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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## Psalm 27: A Message of Life

-Ron Thomas

**L**ife is in need of Courage. Some men prepare themselves for the battle ahead mustering up courage to engage. For some, try as they might, it does not come easy. The battle is engaged, they learn they had more within than they realized. Some Christians wonder about themselves when they face the enemy. Commitment to the Lord means they are better prepared than they realize.

Life is in need of Shelter. The battle is over, the scars are impressed on the body and the mind. Lives are changed, sometimes not for the better. What to do? Stay within oneself, seeking only self-consolation. Better still, turn to the Lord, though one does not understand, there is understanding in the Lord. "O' that I may dwell in the house of the Lord forever." It is there that I find the only relief that is long-lasting.

Life is a great Teacher. The battle has been fought, the scars have made an impression, now how do I learn from these experiences to be a better person? So many appeal to the Lord, but after the Lord has spoken, the Lord is not heard. To be a better person, the Lord has to be THE teacher. There are experiences in life that are great teaching moments, but what about the teachings moments that take us from this life to the next? "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30, ASV).

Life's Exhortation. You are prepared; you enjoy life and try to be a person of joy to others around you. You have been taught by the Lord, so you try to teach others. "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psa. 27:14, KJV).

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