

Daily Devotion For July 2, 2020

Vindicate me, Lord, for I have led a **blameless** life; I have **trusted** in the Lord and have not faltered. ²Test me, Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; ³for I have always been mindful of your **unfailing love** and have lived in reliance on your **faithfulness**." Psalm 26:1-3

Disappointments. Ever been there? Disappointed by people, disappointed by circumstances, disappointed by things? The news in our country today is that there is a rising number of people being infected by the coronavirus. As a result, Gov. Newsom has issued an order that in several counties across our state people can no longer gather in bars, at beaches, for indoor dining and in other business establishments. In one news program I saw the owner of a bar say that she was excited when her business was allowed to open last Sunday only to receive word that her business would be shut down again this weekend during the 4th of July. She said, I hope the next few days of business would be good. You could see and hear the disappointment in her voice as she faces what could be another long period of sheltering in place. This scene is being repeated across the country and with it millions of people. My thought, too bad people aren't taking serious the call to wear facemasks and social distance as it causes so much pain to others.

In Psalm 26, David faced a time of disappointment. He was being pursued by King Saul who was seeking to kill him. David's appeal was that I have been **blameless** and I have **trusted** in the Lord. David to whom the Lord had said, "was a man after God's own heart" faced disappointments, discouragements, and defeats. Yet, he continued to **trust** in the Lord. He relied on the **unfailing love** of God and God's **faithfulness** to him.

Maybe you too have argued with God that you have been blameless and don't deserve the disappointments in your life. David's advice is keep **trusting** in the Lord, rely on the **unfailing love** of God and no matter what the circumstances, remember **God is faithful**.

Thought For Today: Are you trusting in the unfailing love of God? Can you remember times when God has been faithful to you? Hold on to those remembrances and continue to trust in Him.

Today's Prayer Focus: Continue to pray for the Mitchell and Yamanishi/Omoto families at their time of grief. Pray for Anne Wilbur who suffered 6 broken bones in her foot and cannot drive for 8-12 weeks. Add this week's Prayer Fuel to your daily devotional times.