

Daily Devotion For October 12, 2022

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

In my message on Sunday, I talked about how we all through times of trials and disappointments. Disappointed by people, disappointed by circumstances, disappointed by things?

I was telling Sherry that on Sunday morning before church I saw an attractive young woman, maybe in her 30's struggling to carry around 3 bags of her belongings. I kept wondering what her story was. Was she homeless? Unemployed? What were the circumstances behind what I was noticing. Was she facing a time of disappointment in her life?

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:** Let us keep Kiku Kuwatani in prayer for a quick and pain free recovery of her fractured ribs. Continue to pray for the many in our church family in need of God's healing and comforting touch. Joyce Gota recovering from cataract surgery, Nancy Ichiuji, Bob McIntyre, Anne Bevier, Anne Kageyama, Tom Gunter, and God's presence and comfort for Shirley Wong and the Yoshida family. Deo Volente