

A Heart for the Word > Psalm 119:25-32

119:25-27 *Ask for life and hope...* What we need most when life is hard is for the hope that only the Lord can give. The psalmist asks for this in prayer, listening closely and attentively to the words and ways of the Lord.

119:28-30 *Ask for strength...* Faithfulness comes not from our own strength, but from the Lord doing the work in us and through us. When we have no strength worth looking to, trusting the Lord, desiring what He desires, is the way forward. We trust Jesus to provide all that He has promised.

119:31-32 *Ask for the Lord's work in you...* Our goal is to so delight in the words of our King that we “run” in their patterns, that we would have a heart ever-more formed to love our King and joyously follow His ways.

The Point: The psalmist prays that the Lord would work in him and conform him to the very ways that are prized in God's word.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to see ourselves rightly – as people who desperately need You for everything! And also help us to see You rightly – as our Heavenly Father who delights to provide all we need for faithfulness. Train us to love You as we treasure all that You have told us.

Application: How do your prayers reflect these needs? Will you trust God to hear and to answer? Ask Him for life and hope, trust Him for strength in the proper measure and time, and call on Him to continue His work in you.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
