

STBC IMPACT Bible Study

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Opening Thought: When driving through a **torrential rainstorm**, what is the safest way to drive? What are you to focus on? When driving through a **dense fog**, what is the safest way to drive and what are you supposed to focus on?

Today's lesson is about having the right focus. Where we focus will determine how we live. David's focus on God kept him from being consumed and destroyed by his enemies.

Background to Psalm 27: In Psalm 27, David is being hounded, chased, pursued, and threatened with violence from the mightiest man in the country. **King Saul** and his army only have ill intentions for David. David calls these people "the wicked" (v. 2), "my enemies" (v. 2, 6), "foes" (v. 2), "an army" (v. 3), "adversaries" (v. 12), and "false witnesses" (v. 12).

In this psalm, **David's heavenly focus kept him from being earthly afraid.** David decided to look beyond his enemies in natural spaces to see His God who reigns from heavenly places. David's primary focus was not on his enemies; his primary focus was on his God.

Main Point: A singular, spiritual focus can save your natural life.

Today's Text: Psalm 27:4, *"One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple."*

Today's Topic: "ONE THING I DESIRE"

David said he desired one thing, but he named three things. **Why?** _____

1) ONE THING I DESIRE: That I May Dwell in the House of the LORD Forever

2) ONE THING I DESIRE: To Behold the Beauty of the LORD

3) ONE THING I DESIRE: To Inquire in the LORD'S Temple

Conclusion: What was the **ONE THING** David desired and said he would seek after?

Discussion Questions:

1) Where are your enemies primarily found? How does God expect for you to see your enemies? If you see your enemies as being bigger than God, what do you need to do?

2) Would you consider your house a safe place for distraught people to come? Explain.

3) To get your spiritual focus stronger in God, what do you need to do? What are the results of when your spiritual focus is where it ought to be?

4) How can I pray for you? _____
