

# Gathering

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**W**hich one do I go on? When I go hiking, sometimes I come to a place of choosing which one to take. Sometimes it could be the longer hike, or, if I have a limited amount of time, sometimes the shorter one.

Psalm 25:4-5 says *“Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.”*

David was someone who knew the Lord. He knew that he could go to him and that he would help him. He also placed his trust in him. Psalm 25:1 points out that he trusts in him so much that he was willing to give his life to him. He was a disciple, seeking direction for his life. However, he also knew, that there was a choice that needed to be made. He could choose to follow God's ways or choose to follow his own. He made up his mind. His deepest desire was to get on the right path. The path of truth. How do we know what the path of Truth is? The only way to do that is by getting to know God and into his word. Psalm 25:10 shares that *“The LORD leads with unfailing love and faithfulness all who keep his covenant and obey his demands”*. God asks us to obey him and to seek him. When we do, we will find his unfailing love and faithfulness that will guide us to the path of truth. The truth for David had been his lack of obedience to follow God's covenant and laws. The truth of the sins of his youth. His desire of lust and lack of obedience that led him to choosing the wrong the path. He finds himself asking God to teach him the path that leads to truth. He longs for and desires learning from him. It is God alone that can save him, nothing else. And its him alone that he should put his hope in. Which path will you go on?

After reading scripture consider these questions:

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- Read verse 4 again. Have you ever experienced God exposing 2 different paths for you to choose?
- If you did experience the 2 different paths, what did those paths look like for you? Tell us more about it or write it out.
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Complete your monthly report and turn it in to the Corps Officer.

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