

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17*

*January 28<sup>th</sup> - Psalm 31:16*

***Let your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your unfailing love.***

This is a prayer asking for God's favor to rest upon us, yet for us to see God's face shine, we must be looking at Him. Praying for God to rescue us due to His unfailing love requires knowing and relying on the love He has for us, but too often we tend to think of this happening from "afar" and that we don't have to get close to Jesus to receive His love.

This is true in the sense that nothing we do, or fail to do, strengthens or lessens His love for us, but it is false in the sense that if we do not look to see God's love and His face shining upon us, then we miss *experiencing* His love as though it was never there.

If you have ever prayed for God's face to shine upon you; to be able to recognize His favor on your life, (and you should be praying for this) but don't remember Him doing so, ask yourself if you have ever really looked for it?

If you're not looking at God, you may never know what you're missing!

*Father, we thank you for your faithfulness even when we fail to look towards you to see you in action. It is truly sad how often we miss out on experiencing the examples of your love each day because we are preoccupied with worldly distractions.*

*Help us to look at you anticipating seeing you and your hand upon all we do. Help us to know that there is not one thing you want us to do by ourselves; that there is not one experience you do not want to share in and bless with your favor. If we look to you we will see you, be strengthened by you, and feel the radiance of your face shining on us!*

*We praise you and lift our prayers to you in Jesus name, amen!*

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Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

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