Psalm 37 Songs of Summer

August 1, 2021

"A Song for Endurance!"

Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;

² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Psalm 37:1-7

ENDURANCE: Continuing commitment to following Jesus no matter the circumstance. A determination to not give up.

4 Ways to grow in endurance:

1. Trust God's purpose.

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Psalm 37:3

a. Trusting God involves surrender.

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

b. Trusting God leads to action.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22

2. Enjoy God's presence.

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

a. Resting with God.

He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach. Mark 3:14

b. Aligning with God.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

3. Commit to God's plan.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

Psalm 37:5

a. God is reliable.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

1 Thess. 5:24

b. His plan is unstoppable.

The LORD of Heaven's Armies has spoken—who can change his plans? When his hand is raised, who can stop him? Isaiah 14:27

4. Wait for God with patience.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

Psalm 37:7

a. Serve while you wait.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

b. Anticipate God's goodness.

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9

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