

Deeply Rooted and Overflowing: A Reprise

Song for a New Year

Psalm 37

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Opening Thought Questions:

What is the roadmap toward faithfulness in 2025 and beyond?

Trust in the Lord (1-9)

The craftsmanship of the Psalms: How does 36:12 blend into 37:1?

Psalm 37 is an _____.

He will sustain (10-22)

Those who seek to do evil...

But God...

He never abandons (23-31)

What are behaviors commendable to God?

- Showing _____.
- Turning away from _____.
- Speaking _____.
- Promoting _____.
- Thoughts and ways informed and _____.

The Lord is our Refuge (32-40)

A Roadmap for Disciples endeavoring to live faithfully...

- vs. 34
- vss. 35-36
- vs. 37
- vss. 39-40

Patterns for Faithful Disciples

- Growing
- Growing
- Growing

Next Week: Encounters with Jesus - The Curious Leader (Jn. 3:1-21)

Further Study

Psalm 36:12
Psalm 119

Matt. 5-7

Micah 6:8
Romans 12
Gal. 5-6

Rom. 8:31-39
Psalm 46

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<p style="text-align: center;">Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Psalm 37</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reflect on the first 9 verses of Psalm 37, summarize their contents, how do these verses reflect David’s own life experiences, and how do they reflect the experiences of God’s people? 2. What does David prioritize in the first 9 verses, and how do we practice these things both as individuals and then also, as Christian communities? 3. From verses 10-22 contrast the motivations and behaviors of the wicked against the response of God to the ways of the wicked. 4. Verse 23 says that “The Lord grants success to the one whose behavior he finds commendable.” In verses 26-31, what are the attitudes and behaviors that King David describes as commendable to God? 5. Consider how the end of Psalm 37 (vss. 32-40) summarizes the content of the rest of the whole Psalm. What are our takeaways? What are some ways that we can develop our dependence, practice humility, and grow our love in 2025 and beyond? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u></p> <p>Psalm 36:12 Psalm 119 Matt. 5-7 Micah 6:8 Romans 12 Gal. 5-6 Rom. 8:31-39 Psalm 46</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>