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Summer in the Psalms: Victory! When God Seems Far Away

Psalm 22 NIV

Big Idea: **Even when God seems absent, He is still present, working, and worthy of our trust.**

1. WHEN GOD SEEMS SILENT, I STILL TRUST

Psalm 22:1-5 - "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

David teaches us that faith is not pretending everything is okay. Faith is bringing our pain honestly to God.

Remember:

- Honest questions are not unbelief.
- God is not offended by your struggles.
- Keep talking to God, even when you don't understand.

Key Thought:

Don't let God's silence stop your prayers.

Cross Reference: Matthew 27:46

2. WHEN LIFE IS CRUSHING ME, I STILL TRUST

Psalm 22:6-21

David describes feelings we all understand:

- Rejection
- Ridicule
- Weakness
- Pain
- Isolation

Key Thought:

Being crushed does not mean God has abandoned you.

Sometimes God develops deeper faith through pressure we would never choose.

"We are hard-pressed on every side, but not crushed..." 2 Corinthians 4:8

Remember:

- Pressure is not proof of God's absence.
- God is still working during difficult seasons.
- Your pain has purpose.

3. WHEN GOD COMES THROUGH, I WILL PRAISE

Psalm 22:22-31

The Psalm begins with suffering but ends with victory.

Key Thought:

Don't quit in the Friday chapter of your story. God is still writing.

Remember:

- Praise often follows perseverance.
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- God hears more than we realize.
- God is working more than we can see.
- Victory belongs to the Lord.

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." - **Romans 8:37**

Victory Declaration

I will trust God when He seems silent.

I will trust God when life is difficult.

I will trust God while I wait.

I will praise God for His faithfulness.