

## **Summer in the Psalms 5-day Devotional**

Day 1: Trusting in God's Timing

Reading: Psalm 37:1-7, Isaiah 40:28-31

Devotional: In a world that often rewards instant gratification, waiting on God's timing can be challenging. Today's passage reminds us that God's timing is perfect, even when we can't understand it. Just as a mother patiently waits for her child to be born, we too must learn to wait on the Lord with expectant hope. Reflect on areas in your life where you're struggling to trust God's timing. How might your perspective change if you viewed these situations through the lens of God's faithfulness? Today, practice stillness before the Lord, allowing His peace to calm your anxious thoughts and renew your strength.

Day 2: Doing Good While Waiting

Reading: Galatians 6:9-10, 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

Devotional: Waiting doesn't mean inaction. Today's readings encourage us to actively do good while we wait on God's promises. Consider the opportunities around you to encourage others, serve those in need, or share God's love. How can you use this season of waiting to make a positive impact? Remember, the fruit of your faithfulness during times of waiting may have eternal significance. Ask God to open your eyes to the good you can do today, right where you are.

Day 3: Delighting in the Lord

Reading: Psalm 37:4-6, Philippians 4:4-7

Devotional: True joy comes not from our circumstances, but from our relationship with God. When we delight in the Lord, He shapes our desires to align with His will. Reflect on what it means to truly delight in God. How can you cultivate a deeper love and appreciation for who He is, rather than just what He can do for you? Today, spend time in praise and worship, focusing on God's character and goodness. As you do, notice how your perspective on your current challenges might shift.

#### Day 4: God's Faithfulness in Seasons of Prosperity and Adversity

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Romans 8:28-39

Devotional: Life is filled with seasons - some of abundance, others of scarcity. Today's passages remind us that God is faithful through every season. In times of prosperity, we're called to gratitude and generosity. In times of adversity, we're invited to lean on God's strength and find hope in His promises. Reflect on the current season of your life. How have you seen God's faithfulness in both good times and challenging ones? Today, choose to trust that God is working all things for your good, even when you can't see it.

#### Day 5: Cultivating Patience and Perseverance

Reading: James 1:2-4, Hebrews 12:1-3

Devotional: Waiting on God develops spiritual muscles of patience and perseverance. These qualities are essential for our spiritual growth and maturity. Today's readings encourage us to view our trials as opportunities for growth. How have past experiences of waiting strengthened your faith? Consider the "race" set before you - what might be holding you back from running with endurance? Today, ask God for the strength to persevere, fixing your eyes on Jesus who endured far greater trials for our sake. Remember, the testing of your faith produces steadfastness, leading to spiritual maturity and completeness in Christ.