A close-up photograph of a hand holding a piece of light-colored, textured paper. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers wrapped around the paper. The paper has a slightly mottled, aged appearance.

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A horizontal strip of brown, textured paper with a torn left edge. A small piece of yellow adhesive tape is attached to the right side of the strip.

Psalm 37

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which
yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.




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Psalm 37

Psalm 1:3 (NIV)

If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children.




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Psalm 37

Psalm 73:15 (NIV)

When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply




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Psalm 37

Psalm 73:16 (NIV)

Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost
my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the
prosperity of the wicked. They have no struggles; their bodies
are healthy and strong. They are free from common human
burdens; they are not plagued by human ills.




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Psalm 37

Psalm 73:1–17 (NIV)

Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil imaginations have no limits. They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression. 9 Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth.




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Psalm 37

Psalm 73:1–17 (NIV)

Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance. They say, “How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?” This is what the wicked are like— always free of care, they go on amassing wealth. Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence.



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Psalm 37

Psalm 73:1–17 (NIV)


All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments. If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children. When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.



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Psalm 37

Psalm 73:1–17 (NIV)



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Psalm 37

❖ I need to go to church for a renewed
perspective

Churches fight to stay open as attendance dwindles

When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply **till I entered the sanctuary of God**; then I understood their final destiny.



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Psalm 37


Psalm 73:1–17 (NIV)

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Psalm 37

When I come to church, I am reminded of things I
need to hear.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.




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Psalm 37

Hebrews 10:23–25 (NIV)

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”



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Psalm 37

Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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Psalm 37

Hebrews 12:1–3 (NIV)


Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



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Psalm 37

Hebrews 12:1–3 (NIV)




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Psalm 37

- I need to go to church for a renewed perspective

❖ I need to stay near God. He will give me what I need.

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.




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Psalm 37

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



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Psalm 37

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;
though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds
him with his hand.




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Psalm 37

Psalm 37:23–24 (NIV)


Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.



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Psalm 37

Psalm 73:23–26 (NIV)



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Psalm 37

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- I need to stay near God. He will give me what I need.

❖ God will ultimately make things right

but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for **he knows their day is coming.**



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Psalm 37

Psalm 37:13 (NIV)

Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.




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Psalm 37

Psalm 37:1–2 (NIV)

For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope
in the Lord will inherit the land




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Psalm 37

Psalm 37:9 (NIV)

But the wicked will perish: Though the Lord's enemies are like the flowers of the field, they will be consumed, they will go up in smoke.




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Psalm 37

Psalm 37:20 (NIV)

For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed; the offspring of the wicked will perish.




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Psalm 37

Psalm 37:28 (NIV)

For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.



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Psalm 37

Philippians 1:21 (NLT)

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”




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Psalm 37

Revelation 21:3–4 (NIV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.




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John 14:1–3 (NIV)

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.




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John 14:5–6 (NIV)



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