

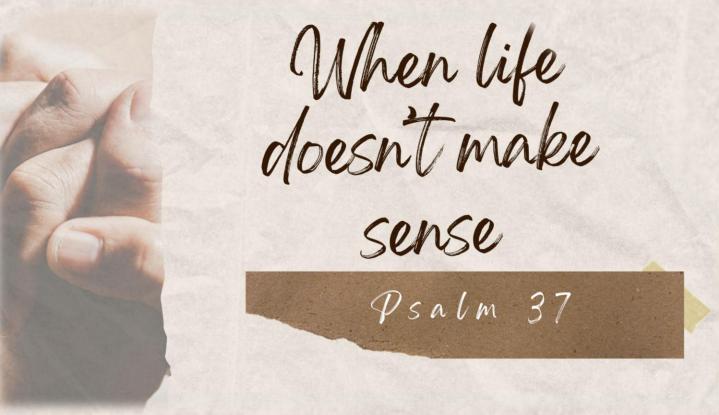
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When life doesn't make sense Psalm 37

The reason we feel unfulfilled is that we have turned from God as our source of joy!

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





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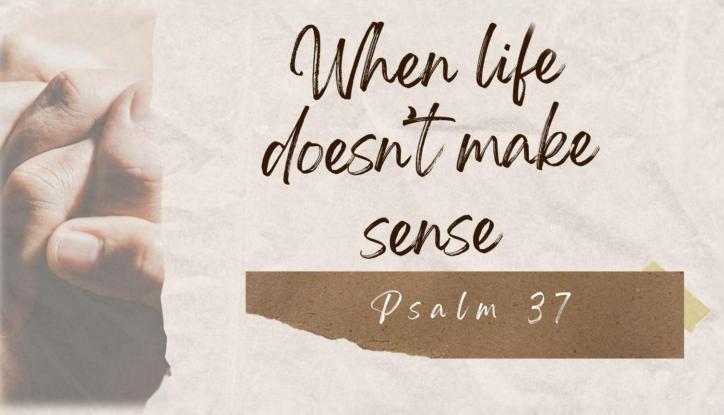
"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.



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If I were to ask you why you have believed in Christ, why you have become Christians, every man will answer truly, "For the sake of happiness."

Saint Augustine



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God's ultimate goal therefore is to preserve and display His infinite and awesome greatness and worth, that is, His glory.

John Piper

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

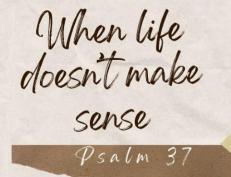


For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.



Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever.

But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign Lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.



God would be unrighteous (just as we would) if He valued anything more than what is supremely valuable.

But He Himself is supremely valuable.

If He did not take infinite delight in the worth of His own glory, He would be unrighteous.

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What could God give us to enjoy that would prove Him most loving?

There is only one possible answer: Himself!

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So if God loves us enough to make our joy full, He must not only give us Himself; He must also win from us the praise of our hearts—not because He needs to shore up some weakness in Himself or compensate for some deficiency, but because He loves us and seeks the fullness of our joy that can be found only in knowing and praising Him, the most magnificent of all Beings. If He is truly for us, He must be for Himself!

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."



The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.



The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

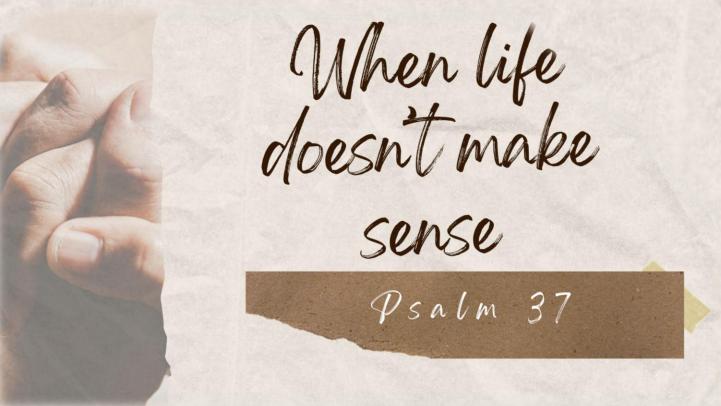


You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.



As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?





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"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.



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Where feelings for God are dead, worship is dead.

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!



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If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak.

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> We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

> > C. S. Lewis

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.



We write this to make our joy complete.

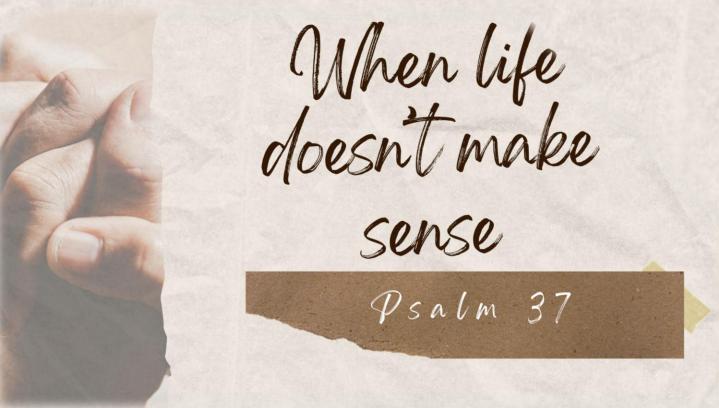


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You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.





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"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.



When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.



But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.





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