G R O W T H N O T E S

Scripture Text: Psalm 138:1-8 (Key Verse: 8)

SERMON SERIES: Songs From The Psalms

Message:

"GOD WILL WORK OUT GOD'S PLANS FOR MY LIFE!"

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE TEXT

Psalm 138:1-8 (KJV): The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

NLT: The LORD will work out his plans for my life—for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me.

BACKGROUND OF TODAY'S MESSAGE

- The framework for David's declaration in Psalm 138, Verse 8—has as its background: 2 Samuel 22:25, when he said: "God rewrote the text of my life when I opened the book of my heart to His eyes!
- •You're more than a few days between the womb—and the tomb!
- •Your story is wrapped up in God's story and the good news is that God's got a plan!

- •Above us and around us God is directing a grander saga written by God's will, orchestrated by God's hand, unveiled according to God's calendar!
- •The Lord will perfect that which concerns us, and God will work out God's plans for my life!
- •*Psalm 138* celebrates the name, the faithfulness, the intimate care, and steadfast love of almighty God, in all the myriad places we find ourselves in life, in our sanctuaries of

safety, our chaotic socio-political economic world, and even in our daily trauma, trials, troubles!

THIS IS THE 1ST POINT OF THE DAY:

"YOU'RE NOT ALONE IN CHARTING THE COURSE OF YOUR LIFE!"

Psalm 138 shows us 3 qualities that can align us with God's plan for us!

1. "QUALITY #1—LIVE A LIFE OF <u>PRAISE</u> AND <u>THANKSGIVING</u>!"

Psalm 138:1: "I will give you thanks, O Lord with all my heart!—I will sing your praises before the gods!

I bow before your holy temple as I worship!—I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness!

FOR—Your promises are backed all by the honor of your name!

•Sometimes we just don't see the opportunity to give thanks—BUT—the opportunities are there!

2. "QUALITY #2—LIVE A LIFE OF <u>HUMILITY</u>!"

Psalm 138:3 "As soon as I pray You answer me! You encourage me by giving me strength! Every king and all the earth will thank-you, Lord, for all of them will hear your words, yes! They will sing about the Lord's ways—for the glory of the Lord is very great!" 6: "Though the Lord is great—the Lord cares for the humble—BUT—the Lord keeps the Lord's distance from the proud!"

3. "QUALITY #3—LIVE A LIFE OF <u>TRUST</u>!"

In Psalm 138, Verse 7, David Says: "Though I am surrounded by troubles you will protect me from the anger of my enemies! You reach out

your hand and the power of your right hand saves me!"

•You will go through things in life, but God has a plan! +++++++

CONCLUSION

•If you hold on and holdout God will work out God's plan for your life! *That's why Paul could proclaim—in Philippians 1:6:* "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

That's how he could write in Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good."

•SO—QUIT TRYING TO BE GOD IN YOUR OWN LIFE!

•LET GO—AND—LET GOD!

•AND—GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU! The Bible in 50 Words God made Adam bit Noah arked Abraham split Jacob fooled Joseph ruled Bush talked Moses balked Pharaoh plagued People walked Sea divided Tablets guided Promise landed Saul freaked David peeked Prophets warned Jesus born God walked

Love talked Anger crucified Hope died Love rose Spirit flamed Word spread God remained.

My Notes: