

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### God in My Everything

With Shannon Landriault  
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Psalm 127 (NLT) *A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem. A psalm of Solomon.*

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guarding it with sentries will do no good.

<sup>2</sup> It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.

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#### • God in my plans.

<sup>1a</sup> Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.

Genesis 11:3-4 (NLT) They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

#### • God as my protector.

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#### • God in my productivity.

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Deuteronomy 8:17-18a (NLT) He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.' <sup>18</sup> Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful.

*"For our work creates neither life nor righteousness. Relentless, compulsive work habits ("work your worried fingers to the bone") which our society rewards and admires are seen by the psalmist as a sign of weak faith and assertive pride, as if God could not be trusted to accomplish his will, as if we could rearrange the universe by our own effort." Eugene Peterson - A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

Colossians 3:23-24 (NLT) Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. <sup>24</sup> Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

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**Big Idea: Invite God into every aspect of your life to live fulfilled.**

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.



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- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in this passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about the passage? What is the major theme in the passage?
  
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- 5) Read Matthew 6:30-32. What does this tell us about trusting God?
  
- 6) Read Matthew 7:24-27. What does this teach us about having God in our everything?
  
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through Psalm 127?
  
- 8) Have you invited God into every aspect of your life? Which of the 4 areas (plans, as protector, productivity (work) and parenting (family)) is the most challenging to trust God with?



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