

Main Idea: Failure is not fatal when met with humility, wisdom, and trust in God's guidance.

1. Knowledge Informs; Wisdom Transforms

- James 1:5; Psalm 37:30; Psalm 37:5-6

Reflection: Consider how wisdom changes your life, beyond just acquiring knowledge.

2. Your Perspective Shapes Your Path

- Psalm 37:1-2; Psalm 37:7
- **Example:** Just as focusing on a single aspect of life can skew your perception (like in the "Invisible Gorilla" experiment), fixating on the apparent success of the wicked can lead to envy and despair. Instead, Psalm 37 encourages us to focus on God's promises, which shape our path toward righteousness and peace.

Application: Focus on God's promises and faithfulness, not on the apparent success of the wicked.

3. Failure is NOT Fatal

- Romans 7:15-25; James 1:13-18; Psalm 37:5-6; Psalm 37:23-24
- **Example:** Paul's provides a roadmap of sin highlights the internal battle we all face. David, too, struggled with fear and failure, but these struggles shaped his strength in faith. Psalm 37 teaches that through God's guidance, our struggles can lead to spiritual strength and growth.

Reflection: Reflect on areas of life where fear or failure has held you back, and seek God's guidance for change.

Incremental Growth; Expectation is Invitation

- Ephesians 6:12; Psalm 37:23-24
- **Example:** Just as small, consistent efforts lead to significant progress over time, spiritual growth happens incrementally. Psalm 37 encourages us to trust God’s guidance for steady improvement, comparing yourself, only to yourself yesterday.

Reflection: Focus on becoming better each day by making small, consistent changes. Expect the Holy Spirit to show up and change your life.

- **Summary:**
 - **Wisdom Transforms; Knowledge Informs:** True wisdom comes from humbling ourselves before God, especially through failure.
 - **Your Perspective Shapes Your Path:** What we focus on—God’s faithfulness rather than failures—determines how we respond to life’s challenges.
 - **Struggles Shape Strength:** We all struggle with sin, but God offers wisdom and strength to overcome.
 - **Wisdom Wins the War:** Like the Battle of Midway, victory in life’s battles comes from having God’s wisdom on our side.
 - **Incremental Growth Through the Holy Spirit:** Continuous growth in wisdom and godliness ensures that failure is part of the process, not the end. Push forward and be better than you were yesterday through the work of the Holy Spirit in your life.
 - **Reflection Questions:**
 - How can I apply the wisdom of Psalm 37 to my current challenges?
 - What areas of my life need God’s guidance and incremental change?
 - Start small. What small things can I do now?
 - Grow this day after day; week after week
 - If I were to apply small incremental change into my life what could my life look like? Who would I be? What would my relationship with Christ look like?
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