



Rock Point Church

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Big Idea: Worship is not pretending life is good. Worship is declaring God is good when life isn't.

Psalm 73:1-12 (NLT)

A psalm of Asaph.

- ¹ Truly God is good to Israel,
to those whose hearts are pure.
- ² But as for me, I almost lost my footing.
My feet were slipping, and I was almost gone.
- ³ For I envied the proud
when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.
- ⁴ They seem to live such painless lives;
their bodies are so healthy and strong.
- ⁵ They don't have troubles like other people;
they're not plagued with problems like everyone else.
- ⁶ They wear pride like a jeweled necklace
and clothe themselves with cruelty.
- ⁷ These fat cats have everything
their hearts could ever wish for!
- ⁸ They scoff and speak only evil;
in their pride they seek to crush others.
- ⁹ They boast against the very heavens,
and their words strut throughout the earth.

- ¹⁰ And so the people are dismayed and confused,
drinking in all their words.
- ¹¹ “What does God know?” they ask.
“Does the Most High even know what’s happening?”
- ¹² Look at these wicked people—
enjoying a life of ease while their riches multiply.

**WHEN COMPARISON MAKES LIFE LOOK UNFAIR, WORSHIP
UNTIL GOD’S GOODNESS GETS BIGGER THAN WHAT YOU
SEE.**

Psalm 73:13-17 (NLT)

- ¹³ Did I keep my heart pure for nothing?
Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?
- ¹⁴ I get nothing but trouble all day long;
every morning brings me pain.
- ¹⁵ If I had really spoken this way to others,
I would have been a traitor to your people.
- ¹⁶ So I tried to understand why the wicked prosper.
But what a difficult task it is!
- ¹⁷ Then I went into your sanctuary, O God,
and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked.

**WHEN CONFUSION CLOUDS YOUR VIEW, GET INTO GOD’S
PRESENCE UNTIL YOU SEE CLEARLY.**

Psalm 73:21-28 (NLT)

- ²¹ Then I realized that my heart was bitter,
and I was all torn up inside.
- ²² I was so foolish and ignorant—

I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you.
23 Yet I still belong to you;
you hold my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel,
leading me to a glorious destiny.
25 Whom have I in heaven but you?
I desire you more than anything on earth.
26 My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak,
but God remains the strength of my heart;
he is mine forever.
27 Those who desert him will perish,
for you destroy those who abandon you.
28 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.

**WHEN BITTERNESS GRIPS YOUR HEART, BRING IT TO GOD
UNTIL HE BECOMES YOUR PORTION AGAIN.**

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most in this week's message, and why?
2. Why do you think it can be difficult to reconcile God's goodness with the apparent success of people who don't follow Him?
3. The big idea says, "Worship is declaring God is good when life isn't." What does that kind of worship look like in everyday life?
4. Read Psalm 73:16-17. What changed for Asaph when he entered God's presence? How have you experienced a change in perspective when you've spent time with God?

5. When confusion or disappointment clouds your view of God, what practices help you draw near to Him and see more clearly?
6. Read Psalm 73:25-26. What does it mean for God to be "the strength of my heart" and your "portion forever"?
7. How have you experienced God's nearness during difficult seasons?
8. Looking back over Psalm 73 as a whole, what truth about God's goodness do you want to hold onto this week, especially if life feels unfair or difficult right now?