GFBC Thursday Night's Scriptural Study
Lesson # 161
Scriptural Reading: Psalm 37:1-5 {KJV}
Teaching Verses: 3-5 {NKJV}

April 23, 2026

TEXT – PSALM 37:3-5
TITLE – ALL IN WITH THE LORD

VV-3-5-{NKJV}-"Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass."

After I watch the local news, a little later I also watch MSNOW. There is one thing I notice about MSNOW, and that is, each of their nightly news anchors have titles for their broadcasts. The title of each program describes what the hosts will emphasize.

At 8:00PM the program is titled, "All In" With Chris Hayes. At 9:00PM "The Briefing Room" With Jen Psaki. At 10:00PM, "The Last Word" With Lawrence O'Donnell, and at 11:00PM, "The 11th Hour" With Stephanie Ruhle.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, I want to teach and tag this text with the title, **"All In With The LORD."** All In With The LORD. Our theme for the month of April is "Keeping It Real In Surrendering Your Will To The Lord's Will."

The subtopic is "Letting God Lead Every Area of Your Life." This is a challenging subtopic! "Letting God Lead Every Area of Your Life." If we are to let God lead us in every area of our lives, we must first surrender our heart's mind, and will to God's will.

Surrendering your will to the LORD'S will is not something you do when there is an unexpected stickup. Surrendering your will to the LORD'S will is never coerce—it is a desired voluntary act.

God doesn't force Himself or anyone to do His will. Although Jesus was equal with God, He voluntarily laid aside His equality with the Father, and **"thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" {Philippians 2:6b-7}.**

And after laying aside His equality with the Father, the Apostle John recorded these words of Jesus in John 6:38. In John 6:38 {KJV}, Jesus said, **"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me."**

You can't be "all in" with the LORD until you are fully committed to Him. You can't make half way deals with the LORD. "All in with the LORD," means that you are "all in" with the totality of your being.

In Mark 12:30 {KJV}, when the scribes asked Jesus which is the first commandment of all? Jesus said, "Hear, O Israel; The LORD our God is one LORD: **"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."**

In other words, Jesus was saying to the scribes and to us, in order to authentically love God, you've got to be "all in!" In our society, we are sliding down a slippery slope when it comes to commitment.

This is not an inclusive statement of everyone. But we are living in a shifting time where commitment is being eroded by compromise and convenience. Compromise diminishes your values, and convenience dilutes your commitment.

When your values are diminished, convenience will weaken your commitment. In other words, commitment says, you are willing to uphold your values. Convenience says, let's shack together, play married to see if we can really get along, and get to know each other better.

When you start compromising your values in your relationship with your boo, it will gradually erode and diminish your relationship with the LORD. When you allow the LORD or shall I say, when you allow the Holy Spirit to govern your life, and guide your heart's mind, He will lead you into all truth.

In John 16:13, {KJV}, Jesus said, **"…when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come."**

As a believer, when you are "all in with the LORD," the Holy Spirit will not only guide you into all truth, but He will also reveal to those who commit their ways to the LORD, things to come.

In the teaching text, Psalm 37:3-5,{NKJV}translation says, **"Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass."**

The Amplified Bible translation of Psalm 37:3-5 says, **"Trust {rely on and have confidence] in the Lord and do good; Dwell in the land and feed [securely] on His faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, And He will give you the desires and petitions of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; Trust in Him also and He will do it."**

In the teaching text David offers several encouraging exhortations to Israel and to those of us who desire *transformative growth* in our relationship with the LORD. According to David, *transformative growth* takes place when you:

1. Trust in the LORD
2. Feed on His faithfulness
3. Delight yourself in Him, and
4. Commit your way to Him

Watch this! David said, when you do these things—what things? Trust in the LORD, feed on His faithfulness, delight yourself in Him, and commit your way to Him, He will do it.

The LORD will do what? Psalm 37:3, in the New Living Translation of the Daily Walk Bible says, **"Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper."**

You need to get this! Don't miss this! The prerequisites for security and prosperity are: trust in the LORD, and do good. The Scripture says, **"Then you will live safely in the land and prosper" {Psalms 37:3b}.**

What David was trying to get through to Israel and to us is—security and prosperity come as a result of trusting in the LORD. The word "trust" in Latin is *"fiducia." Fiducia* means trust.

When you trust someone, you are saying, you see them as confident, credible, and reliable. In Dr. James Montgomery Boice Commentary on Psalms 1-41, he said, *"fiducia or trust…* involves personal commitment to God, just as marriage involves a personal commitment of each marriage partner to the other. God has committed himself to us. We must commit ourselves to him if we are to be Christians."

God has authentically committed Himself to us. He was committed to us even while we were estranged from Him. Romans 5:8 in the {NKJV}says, **"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**

Because God has made an unconditional commitment to us by giving His only begotten Son as a sacrifice on Calvary's cross, He deserves our full devotion. This devotion should be lived out with unwavering loyalty and integrity.

Watch this! In the Companion teaching text says, David said, **"Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper."**

David was saying, your security, and your prosperity come from trusting in the LORD and doing good. Trusting God, having confidence in Him, and resting in the reliability of His protection, security, and assured safety from Him.

When you are "all in with the LORD," your heart, your mind, your soul, your strength, and your will become His will. You need to get this!

When you **"Delight yourself in the LORD,"** verse 4 of the teaching text says, **"He shall give you the desires of your heart."** When you delight yourself in the LORD, it means that you trust Him. You enjoy what's in Him.

In Him there is: grace, mercy, peace, joy, love, kindness, hope, assurance, faithfulness, and strength. And when you trust and delight yourself in the LORD, He will also give you the desires of your heart.

Watch this! When you are "all in" with the LORD, your heart desires only what aligns with His will and glorifies Him. Verse 5 in the teaching text says, **"Commit your way to the Lord; Trust in Him also and He will do it"**
{Amplified Bible}.

The King James translation says, **"Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."** What the LORD will bring to pass is the totality of your being {your way} that are committed to Him so that He can make your righteousness shine like the brilliance of the noon day sun.

When you are committed and loyal to the LORD, you will let Him through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit lead every area of your life. And when the LORD leads every area of your life, the Scripture says, **"no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly" {Psalm 84:11b}.**

In conclusion, remember that, in your relationship with the LORD, transformative growth takes place when you:
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2. Feed on His faithfulness
3. Delight yourself in Him, and
4. Commit your way to Him