Songs of Summer

Part 4

Our FAIR-MINDED God

Psalm 1

God tells us how life works for everyone in every generation in every culture

1. Our <u>FREEDOM</u> of choice our actions

vs. 1-2

vs. 3-6

- WALK, STAND, or SIT with the ungodly Psalm 2:1-4, 3:34, 13:1
- DELIGHT in the Word of God Psalm 63:6, 119:48, 97; Joshua 1:6-9
- 2. Our <u>INCAPABILITY</u> to choose consequences
 - The results of right choices: An orchard <u>TREE</u> vs. 3
 - 'firmly planted' = <u>STRATEGICALLY</u> spaced, sunned, weeded, and trimmed
 - 'streams of water' = plenty of <u>NOURISHMENT</u>, <u>STRONG</u> roots, <u>PERPETUAL</u> health
 - The results of wrong choices: <u>CHAFF</u> vs. 4-5
 - 'windblown chaff' = useless, WEAK, UNSTABLE
 - 'not stand' before GOD or His ASSEMBLY
 - Only one path will **ENDURE** vs. 6
 - God SMILES UPON the way of the upright
 - The way of the wrongdoer is a **TEMPORARY** path

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Psalm 1:3 He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither;

And in whatever he does, he prospers.

QUICK REVIEW

- 1. Read Psalm 32:1-2. How does it feel to be 'right' with God because I've come clean with Him and received His forgiveness and compassion?
- 2. What does it feel like to hide things from God? What are some possible personal consequences if you hide sin for a long period of time?

MY STORY

- 1. How you ever received unexpected consequences to a choice you made; either positively or negatively?
- 2. Have you seen in your own life how God has made you more stable and strong as you follow His Word in a particular situation?
- 3. Have you ever listened to wrong counsel, or walked wrong paths, or sat in bad company? What were the results of this?

GOING DEEP

- 1. Talk about how fair God is because He shows us how life works? Since He has the same rules for everyone, what does this tell us about Him?
- 2. What counsel does our American culture give us about how to live life? Does this match up with the Bible? Why or why not?
- 3. Read Joshua 1:6-9. What does God communicate with Joshua and how did that impact his choices?
- 4. Re-read Psalm 1. What does God tell us about Himself when He tells us we can make our own choices, but He decides the consequences to our choices?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

- 1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
- 2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for **you** to remember?