

NEXT STEPS

A wrong perspective can slowly pull our hearts away from God, but drawing near to Him restores clarity, peace, and truth. The closer we stay to God, the less controlled we become by comparison, envy, bitterness, or fear.

Which of these areas do you need to grow in most right now?

- Trusting God even when life feels unfair
- Guarding your heart against comparison and envy
- Spending more intentional time in God's presence
- Keeping an eternal perspective instead of a temporary one
- Boldly telling others about Jesus

What is one practical step you can take this week to “walk carefully” and keep your focus on God instead of others?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Who or what can you be praying for this week?

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UNDERSTANDING THE PSALMS



Talk It Over Questions

For the week of May 17, 2026

Walk Carefully

Psalm 73:1-28

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MY STORY

Psalm 73 gives us an honest look into the struggle of comparing our lives to others. Asaph wrestled with doubt because it seemed like those who ignored God were prospering while he was struggling. Yet through that struggle, God corrected his perspective and reminded him what is truly valuable.

Have you ever struggled with comparing your life to someone else's? What emotions or questions did that create in you?

Sometimes we can become so focused on what others have that we lose sight of what God is doing in our own lives. Comparison can quietly pull our hearts away from trust and contentment.

What are some ways comparison or envy can affect our relationship with God?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Psalm 73:1-3

Asaph begins by affirming that God is good, yet immediately admits that his faith almost slipped because he envied the wicked.

Why is it important to be honest with God about our doubts and struggles?

Read Psalm 73:4-12

Asaph describes people who seem prosperous, carefree, and unconcerned about God.

Why do you think people are often tempted to envy those who appear successful without following God?

Read Psalm 73:13-17

Asaph reaches a low point where he wonders if serving God has been "in vain." Then, everything begins to change when Asaph enters the sanctuary of God and gains a new perspective.

Why is being in God's presence so important when we are struggling with confusion, bitterness, or doubt?

Read Psalm 73:18-20

Asaph realizes that earthly success without God is temporary and ultimately empty.

How does remembering eternity help reshape our perspective on success, suffering, and fairness?

Read Psalm 73:21-28

Asaph confesses his bitterness and recognizes that God never stopped holding onto him. Asaph finally arrives at a place of deep trust and contentment in God.

**What does it practically mean to say:
"God, You are all I want because You are all I need"?**