

*Isaiah 59:19 NKJV - So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.*

#### **IV. REST IN HIM**

*Psalm 37:7 NKJV - Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.*

Rest: “damam” (1826) – to be silent, to be dumb; to be astonished, to stop, cease, to die, hold peace, stand still, tarry, wait.

We must learn to hush our spirit and wait in holy patience – in a sense we must die to our own thinking, imagination, and dealings.

*Ruth 3:18 NKJV - Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."*

*Psalm 46:10 NKJV - Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*

*Habakkuk 2:3 NKJV - For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.*

God is worth waiting for!!!

*Psalm 27:14 NKJV - Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!*

# **THE JOURNEY OF FAITH**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*Habakkuk 1:3-4 NKJV – (3) Why do You show me iniquity, and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; there is strife, and contention arises. (4) Therefore the law is powerless, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore perverse judgment proceeds.*

It seems like good people suffer and bad people prosper...and in the midst of that we are called to walk the walk of faith.

*Psalm 37:3-7 NKJV – (3) Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. (4) Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. (5) Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. (6) He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. (7) Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.*

## **I. TRUST IN THE LORD**

Is God good? ... Do you trust Him?

*Psalm 37:3 NKJV - Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.*

Trust: “batach” (982) – means to have confidence, to be bold, to be secure, to feel safe, to be care-less [as in not having a care in the world].

Care-less: What happens after you “Cast all your cares on Him ...”

I confide in God and then leave it in His hands.

In the face of evil, in the face of injustice, in the face of difficult circumstances I will do good, activating faith.

I base my trust on His goodness, on His character by “feeding on His faithfulness.”

*Genesis 45:4-6 NKJV – (4) And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. (5) But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.*

“Feed on truth.” “Feed by faith.” “Be strong in faith.”

*Romans 1:17 NKJV - For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*

Faith and doing good are the cure to fretting and worrying.

*Jeremiah 17:7-8 NKJV – (7) "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. (8) For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.*

## II. DELIGHT IN HIM

*Psalms 37:4 NKJV - Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

Delight: “anag” (6026) – to be soft, delicate, dainty, to be pampered, to be happy about, to take exquisite delight, to make merry over, to make sport of (ie. to have fun, to play).

We are to delight in His beauty, character, works, and words.

We are to seek out happiness in God – in His perfections, friendship, and love. We are to enjoy God and find our fullness in Him.

*Colossian 2:9-10 NKJV – (9) For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; (10) and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*

## III. COMMIT TO HIM

*Psalms 37:5-6 NKJV - (5) Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. (6) He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.*

“Commit”: to roll; rolling a heavy burden from ourselves on another.

*1 Peter 5:7 NKJV - Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*

We must learn to commit our way, our path, our very life – all our plans, conduct and issues to Him.

*Philippians 1:6 NKJV - Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

As we commit everything to Him we learn to leave our reputation and our vindication to the Lord.

*Isaiah 54:17 NKJV - No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn [ie. with your example]. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me," says the Lord.*