



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS



A SUMMER SERIES AT *THE BRIDGE*






A LIFE FULLY SATISFIED

Psalm 84



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Blessed = a deep happiness, God-given contentment, not dependent on circumstances

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Psalm 84:1-12

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

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Psalm 84:1-12

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they
pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a
place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it
with pools. They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion. Hear my
prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of
Jacob. Look on our shield, O God; look with
favor on your anointed one.

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Psalm 84:1-12

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honour; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

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1. Pleasure in His Presence (v 1–4)

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Am I longing for God **for who He is,**
or just for **what He can give?**

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1. Pleasure in His Presence (v 1–4)
- 2. Strength in His Perspective (v 5–7)**

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Baka = “valley of weeping”

Barren, dry, difficult places
on the journey



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Having a godly perspective is not
seeing what God sees, **but seeing the**
God who sees.

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*“We often gaze at life and glance at
God, when we were made to gaze at
God and glance at life.”*

– Carlos Whitaker

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Who or what am I gazing at
in my valley?

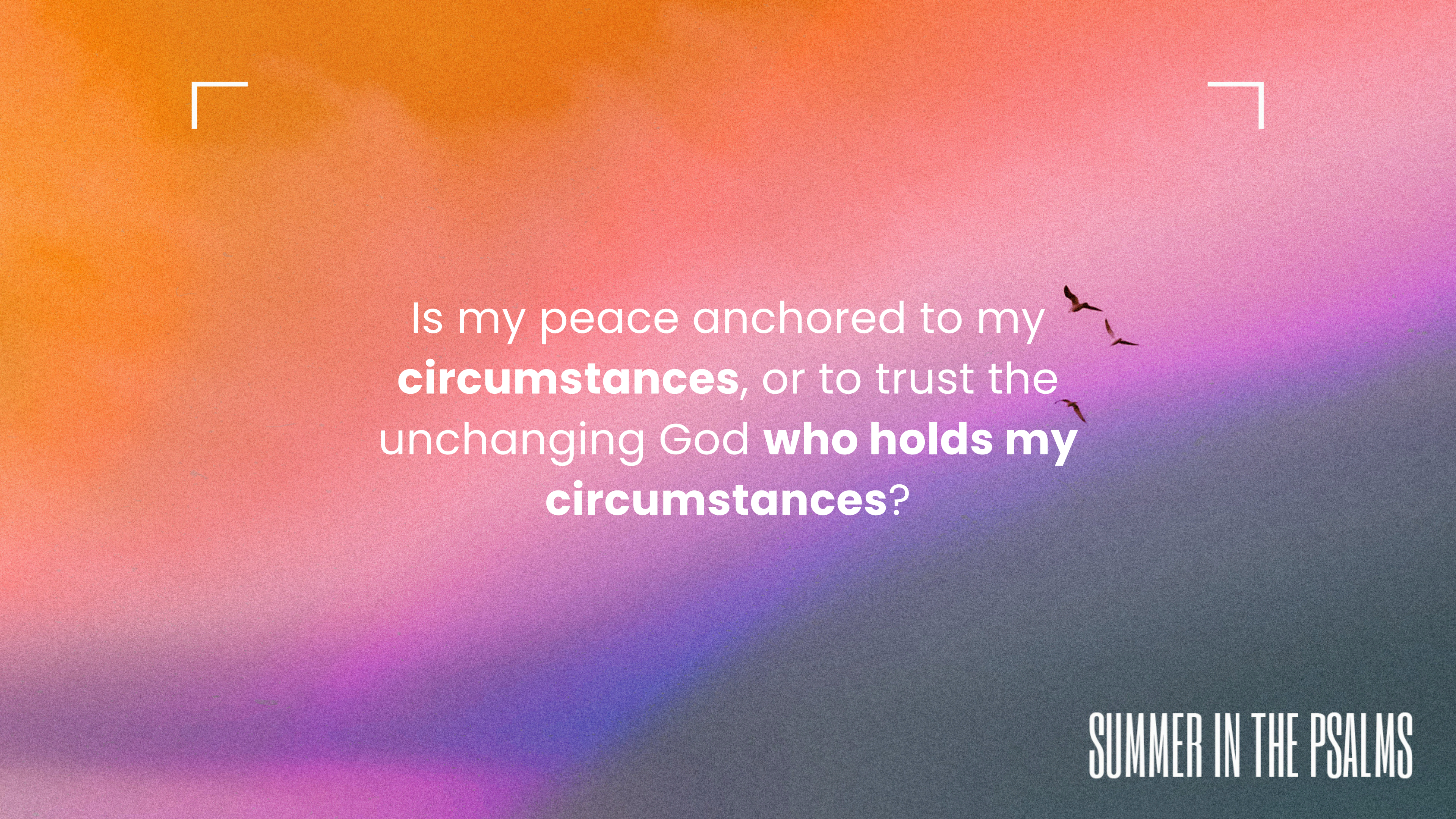


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A LIFE FULLY SATISFIED:

1. Pleasure in His Presence (v 1–4)
2. Strength in His Perspective (v 5–7)
- 3. Trust in His Power (v 11–12)**

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Is my peace anchored to my
circumstances, or to trust the
unchanging God **who holds my**
circumstances?

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NEXT STEPS

- **Pleasure in His Presence**— invite Him into all moments of life; want Him more than what He gives.

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- **Strength in His Perspective**– See beyond this moment; gaze at God, not your circumstances.
- **Trust in His Power**– Rest in who He is, not in how life looks.

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NEXT STEPS

- **Challenge**— Read Psalm 111–112 this week, and write down every truth about who God is and let that shape your trust.

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