

THE WEEK OF
June 7th, 2010



Summer of
Psalms

Psalm 37

**"Be still in the presence of the Lord,
and wait patiently for him to act.
Don't worry about evil people who prosper
or fret about their wicked schemes."
-Psalm 37:7**

Have you ever tried to train a dog? Depending on how stubborn your dog is it can be a frustrating endeavor. You can spend countless hours and feel like you have nothing to show for it. You say "sit!...stay!", and the dog responds the same every time - it runs away. God could have compared us, as humans, to dogs; and that would have been true enough. But he chose an even more difficult and dense creature - the lamb. You've probably never tried to train a lamb to sit or stay, but you can imagine what it would be like from your experience with dogs.

Many times we're faced with tough circumstances. It could be the loss of a job, a loved one, or something else valuable to us. As men, we typically shoot first and aim later. We believe it to be a sign of weakness for to sit back and wait upon God. That's when we become like the stubborn dog or the foolish lamb.

God tells us to "be still and know I AM God", and yet we typically ignore the command and run off to fix the situation. I know for the majority it isn't because we think we know better than God, it's just that we don't have any patience.

It's like when we want to buy a cool new car. We want to drive the shiny, nice-smelling one off the lot. We're not interested in the one the salesperson said was a better car for a better price but needs to be shipped from across the country. No, we want results now.

Let's practice waiting upon the Lord this week. In doing so, pray for God to reveal the desires He has placed in your heart, and let's try to focus less on the desires we put there ourselves. God will provide according to His will, not ours.

Read the Proverb and the section of Psalm 119 that corresponds with the calendar day *example:*
If it's the 1st day of the month, read Proverbs 1 and Psalm 119:1-8 (Aleph)

Mon: Psalm 37; Proverb 7
Tue: Psalm 5; Proverb 5
Wed: Psalm 6; Proverb 6
Thu: Psalm 7; Proverb 7
Fri: Psalm 8; Proverb 8

Discussion Questions for Bible Café:

1. What has you questioning God's provision? There's usually at least one thing that can make each man question God. Find a favorite scripture that helps you through it and share that scripture with your group.

2. Think back to a time when God provided even when you thought the matter was beyond fixing. This can be a personal experience or a story someone else shared with you. Consider sharing it with your group.

Prayer Requests of your Bible Café brothers (on back):