

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Navigating Rough Water Luke 8:22-25*

"Where is your faith?"

Psalm 1:1-6

Vs. 1 –

*"Blessed is the man
Who **walks not** in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor **stands in** the path of sinners,
Nor **sits in** the seat of the scornful;"*

Blessed is the man (person) –

Not will be – "is". Such a person is **in this state of blessing**.

- "Alive is" the person who is breathing and their heart is beating.

(Matthew 5:3-12) God blesses, He wants to bless, He plans to bless, He prepared to bless, He tells us how to align our lives with His avenues of blessing.

Who walks **not** in the counsel of the ungodly,

Colossians 2:8-10

Who does not live according to those who do not receive God's counsel.

- To recognize **what is not** and exclude it
- To know what is not, we must know **what IS**
- **Learn God's ways** and do not depart from them

(Romans 14:23) "Whatever is not of faith is sin"

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Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Don't position or **establish yourself** in ungodly ways of living

- We take our stand in the path of our choice
- Choose **God's revealed ways** of righteousness
- Don't travel on the path of sinful influence

Our relationship with people committed to sin is to **make His ways evident** and available to them **(Matthew 5:16)**

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Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

We sit in **our chosen place** of residence

- Where we **view & evaluate life** from
- Where we rest from life's exertions

To **walk, stand & sit** in these places is a progression that establishes us **apart from God**.

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Vs. 2 –

But **his delight is** in the law of the LORD, And in His law **he meditates** day and night.

But... (instead, rather than)

- In deliberate contrast to what separates from God
- Seeing both, ignoring neither

His delight...

- That which brings great joy & pleasure
- Brings faith, hope, love & thankfulness
- **Psalm 37:4**

John 1:1

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And in His law...

- Having put ourselves **IN His Word**
- In His Devine revelation of **how things really ARE**

He meditates...

- Thinks about and ponders what God has made known
- **Philippians 4:8**
- Such a person views his/her own **life & how to live**
- In light of what God has **made known**

May I see and think about Everything...

- In light of **Your Word**, oh God.
- Anything **contrary to** Your Word, Lord...
- Is **unrighteousness**

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Day & Night.

A righteous person is thrilled that God has make His ways known

- And **actively considers** how God's ways apply to **how we live**
- Our thoughts naturally turn to **what God has said** as we go about living

Psalm 119:1-176 (Selected)

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Is in the law...

- The law is simply **the way things truly ARE**
- Because **God made them to be so** in righteousness
- **Physical law** (like gravity) & **Moral law** (how we live & why)

We don't constitute moral law **by our will...**

- Any more than we do gravity
- **It IS**, whether we choose to live by it or not
- We **embrace the blessing** of cooperating with it
- Just as we **suffer the consequences** of violating it
- Such is nature of **the law of God**

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Of the Lord,

- Such a person knows that **whatever God has revealed** is good
- And it is good to **receive into who we are**
- So, we **value it greatly**
- It is **OF** who **He IS...**
- A **revelation & demonstration** of His own makeup & nature

May nothing delight us more than **You & Your Word, Lord**