

Real Life Downloaded & In the World

For July 21, 2024

Lesson Focus: In the light of God's unfailing love, delight in His commands.

Bible Basis: Psalm 119:73–80

Memory (Key) Verse: Psalm 119:73

Summary (Lesson Title): Delightful Precepts

Step 1

GAME RECOGNIZES GAME

When the NFL season begins this fall, two athletes with similar playing styles will take the field for the Denver Broncos. A few years ago, when defensive end Zach Allen was fairly new in the league and playing for the Arizona Cardinals, he became aware of a fellow defensive end with the New York Jets, one who played with a style much like his own. He reached out to John Franklin-Myers online, and the two became quick friends. "Basically, game recognize game," Allen said, speaking of their similarities of play style and ethos. Over the years of communication, they talked about how amazing it would be to play for the same team—and this year, they're getting their chance with the Broncos, who are looking to strengthen their defensive line.

FAITH RECOGNIZES FAITH

Today's text from the longest chapter in the Bible says that those who fear the Lord will rejoice when they see how the psalmist has put his hope in God's Word. People who walk in the fear of the Lord can sometimes recognize each other when they speak or spend time with one another. How good it is to walk beside those who love the Lord in the same way!

Questions

1. When have you met someone and discovered that you felt the same way about something?
2. What are your thoughts, if any, about the upcoming NFL season?
3. How can you tell if you and another person are on the same page, spiritually?

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1. Contemporary Worship Weekly
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4JGkwp5ZDf5Eww31SGcF4n?si=b369745c49f04b8d>
2. Echoes Worship Weekly
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2psN0hA48H9lyh6vjc5KKb?si=3ef5bb07ee15409e>

3. Traditional Worship Weekly
<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2utAcyXMWglyBYmM6iBLfi?si=26c938e689ad4d1f>
4. Joel LeMon's "Commentary on Psalm 119:1–8"
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/sixth-sunday-after-epiphany/commentary-on-psalm-1191-8-10>
5. Video: *BibleProject* "How to Read the Book of Psalms"
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/book-of-psalms/>
6. Matthew Henry's Commentary on Psalm 119
<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/matthew-henry/Ps.119.1-Ps.119.176>

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