

“Day by day the Lord takes care of the innocent, and they will receive an inheritance that lasts forever. They will not be disgraced in hard times; even in famine they will have more than enough.” Psalms 37:18-19 NLT

## lectio // Psalm 37:12-22

David writes these comparisons in the Psalms. The righteous and the wicked. Righteous obey and are faithful. Wicked not only disobey God, but seem to desire to tear down anything that is good. So the wicked aren't just disobedient, unfaithful but destructive to their own life and others. So, when I read about God's actions towards the righteous, I cheer. When I read how he is against the wicked, I also cheer - hoping that I'm not in that group. Do I want GOOD rewarded and BAD judged. Absolutely! And when I'm bad, because I have been and still do bad things, I want grace not justice or judgment. I've never really sided with the "bad boy" persona. It was too obnoxiously obvious for me. Just one more verse in the chapter that gives me great hope - "The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand." vs. 23, 24

## oratio

Dad,

Oh to have your grace more than your judgment. To have your favor more than your displeasure. To have YOU guide my ever step and watch ever detail of my life is both so amazing and embarrassing! My desire is to please you by trusting you, to have faith to learn, stretch and grow into who you want me to be. Yes, to fulfill purpose, but more than that to make you proud. Proud of your love, proud of your investment into my life. You have given me everything and beyond what I ever hoped for. I should trust you completely and more often, right?

## contemplatio

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root