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Main Point

Every step we take is ordered by the wise and loving counsel of God. Nothing happens to us apart from His will. We have confidence that no trip or stumble will happen without God's gentle hand guiding us through.

Read

Psalm 37:23-24; Proverbs 16:3, 9; Philippians 2:12-13

Discuss

- Psalm 37:23 is a difficult verse because it is translated differently by our many English versions. Is it God who first delights in our journey (NASB, NKJV, HCSB, NLT), or is our journey successful when we delight in Him (NIV, ESV, KJV)? How would you defend both from Scripture and Spirit-led experience?
- The difficulty of Psalm 37:23 (mentioned above) may actually be its brilliance. It plays right into the theme of this recent sermon series—what delights God should be the same as what delights us. How do we delight in Him (see also Ps. 37:4) and the things in which He delights?
- We see it (or do it) everyday. A parent holding the hand of a young child as he/she walks...up a hill, along a narrow curb, or on slippery ice. How do those images or experiences help us understand the delight God takes in our walk?
- What is a recent example in your journey of a "fall," but not a total defeat? At what point and how did you know God was holding your hand? How would you use these verses to counsel someone else?
- Does Philippians 2:12-13 teach works based salvation? If not, what is Paul saying and how is it in agreement with Psalm 37:23-24?



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