HOCKESSIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, Continued.

A weekly guide for living the message

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This Week in Scripture

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 73:1–11, 23–28

WHEN LIFE FEELS UNFAIR

"But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold." — Psalm 73:2

The Message in Brief

No one is exempt from problems—not at home, work, church, or anywhere else. Sometimes the hardest struggles come when we are doing our best to walk faithfully with God. In Psalm 73, the writer nearly loses his footing as he watches people who disregard God appear to prosper. Comparison breeds envy, bitterness, and the question: Why does faithfulness feel so hard? But worship changes his perspective. He realizes that worldly success offers no lasting security, while God remains present through every uncertainty. The greatest blessing is not an easier life or more possessions; it is a lasting relationship with God. When life feels like slippery ground, we can choose to turn toward God rather than away from Him.

When life feels like slippery ground, God is still our sure footing.

Questions to Carry

1. When have comparisons made me discouraged or resentful?

2. How might worship or prayer change my perspective on a problem?

3. What would trusting God first look like in my current circumstances?

Live It This Week

When a problem feels overwhelming this week, pause before reacting. Read Psalm 73:23–28, name what is troubling you, and bring it to God in prayer. Then take one faithful next step instead of measuring your life against someone else's.

Prayer for the Week

Faithful God, when life feels unfair and our footing seems uncertain, remind us that You are near. Free us from envy and bitterness, and help us see beyond what others possess. Give us courage to face problems with faith instead of fear. Guide our steps, strengthen our hearts, and teach us to find our greatest blessing in knowing You. Amen.