



SUMMER PLAYLIST VOL. 2: Sunshine & Suffering

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Sunday, August 4, 2024

OPENING/RECAP

- **Prelude**
 - **Finding Your Rhythm**
 - **Anthem**
 - **Turn Up the Volume**
 - **Grills & Grace**
 - **When the Beat Drops**
 - **Remixing Relationships**
 - Remix your habits, behaviors and thoughts for your new environment in Christ.
 - How you are used to doing things may feel normal but that doesn't make them right.
 - Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you.
 - Overcome evil with good.
 - Put on more of God's character
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2 Corinthians 4 NLT

Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way,^[a] we never give up. ²We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

³If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. ⁴Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

⁵You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.^[b] This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

⁸We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. ¹⁰Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. ¹¹Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies. ¹²So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you.

¹³But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke."^[c] ¹⁴We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus,^[d] will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. ¹⁵All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory.

¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are^[e] being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

YOUR SUFFERING IS REAL

YOUR FRAGILITY INCREASES FOCUS ON GOD'S POWER

SUFFERING IS A CATALYST FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

HOPE IS AN ANCHOR IN THE MIDST OF STORMS

GOD'S GRACE OVERCOMES SUFFERING

CLOSING

PROBLEMS PRODUCE GLORY

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

How can you reconcile the idea of being a "clay jar" with the potential for great impact and influence? In what ways have you experienced God's power manifested through your weaknesses?

How does understanding that you are carrying the treasure of the gospel impact your daily life and interactions with others?

How have personal trials and tribulations shaped your faith and character? In what ways can you find hope and purpose in your current circumstances?

What spiritual "blindness" might be hindering your understanding of the gospel? How can you actively seek to remove these obstacles and allow the light of Christ to shine through?

How can the example of Paul's perseverance inspire you to endure hardship with faith and hope? What steps can you take to cultivate a more resilient spirit?

REFERENCE SCRIPTURES

John 16:20 NLT

²⁰I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy.

Psalms 30:8-12 NLT

⁸I cried out to you, O Lord. I begged the Lord for mercy, saying, ⁹“What will you gain if I die, if I sink into the grave? Can my dust praise you? Can it tell of your faithfulness? ¹⁰Hear me, Lord, and have mercy on me. Help me, O Lord.” ¹¹You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, ¹²that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!

Psalms 5:11 NLT

¹¹But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy.

Psalms 30:5 NLT

⁵For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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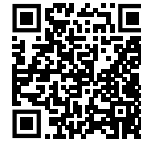
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SERENITY SANDWICHES Mondays at 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall

MEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY Mondays at 7:00pm in the Multipurpose Room

SEEKING SERENITY AA Big Book Study Mondays at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

SERENITY PRAYER Sundays at 9:00am and 5:00pm, Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the War Room

TUESDAY NIGHT LIFE RECOVERY Tuesdays at 6:30pm

SERENITY STUDY Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

SERENITY YOUTH Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room

SERENITY KIDS Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Nursery and Serenity Kids Rooms

CLEANING MINISTRY Saturday Mornings at 8:00am

SERENITY SHELF & STREET OUTREACH Friday and Saturday:

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Saturdays, volunteer between 9am & 12pm in the parking lot,

or join our street outreach team from 10am-1pm

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

INSPIRED YOUTHS Bible Study Thursday August 8th & August 22nd at 6:30pm at the North Minneapolis Campus

RELATIONSHIP & MARRIAGE BUILDERS Thursday, August 15th at 6:30pm at the Crystal Campus

WOMEN'S MINISTRY Saturday, August 24th at 9:30am at the Crystal Campus

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