

the Venues

Go Deep

The Spiritual Songs of Disney “When You Wish Upon a Star” from Pinocchio 11.5.17

Do you have a recurring dream? What is your dream job? Dream vacation?

The melody for “Yesterday” came to Paul McCartney in his dream. *Have you experienced anything like that?*

When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are. Anything your heart desires will come to you. If your heart is in your dream, no request is too extreme, when you wish upon a star as dreamers do.

How do these lyrics compare to Psalm 37:4? How do you interpret Psalm 37:4?

Read Psalm 37:1 to get the context. *What issue is the writer addressing? Have you ever wondered the same thing? What is your answer to the question: “Why do good things happen to bad people?”*

How does Psalm 37:4 address the question of Psalm 37:1?

“Delight” has two meanings:

1. A delicious meal
2. To be soft, gentle

What is your favorite meal?

To “delight” in the Lord is to get as excited about Him as you do your favorite meal!

Is that crazy to you? Why do you think people aren't too crazy about God?

The second definition of “delight” is to be soft or gentle.

What does it mean to “be gentle” toward God?

What do you think about this statement? *When people avoid or reject God, they are actually shunning their perception of God.*

_____ *That's totally true.*

_____ *That's B.S.*

_____ *That's a cop-out.*

_____ *How do I gain an accurate perspective of God?*

To answer that last question, read 1 John 4:8; 1 John 4:16; Hebrews 4:16; John 1:18

What do you think? What picture of God do these verses paint?

Compare Psalm 37:4 with Matthew 6:33. *What are these verses telling us? What action does Psalm 37:4 tell us to take? What action does Matthew 6:33 tell us to take?*

Read these verses and list/name what God wants: Micah 6:8; Proverbs 21:3; 1 John 3:10; James 1:27.

Read Luke 6:36-38.

What activities does Jesus condemn? Commend?

What does the promise in verse 38 mean?

How will you apply this passage to your life this week?