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From the Pastor



## Hot Days of August

We are in the hot days of August. It's a great time to sit on the beach and read a book, and when you get too hot, you just jump into the water. The heat of summer also reminds me of how fleeting life is. Look at what the book of Psalms tells us.

### Psalm 102:11

<sup>11</sup> *My days are like an evening shadow;  
I wither away like grass.*

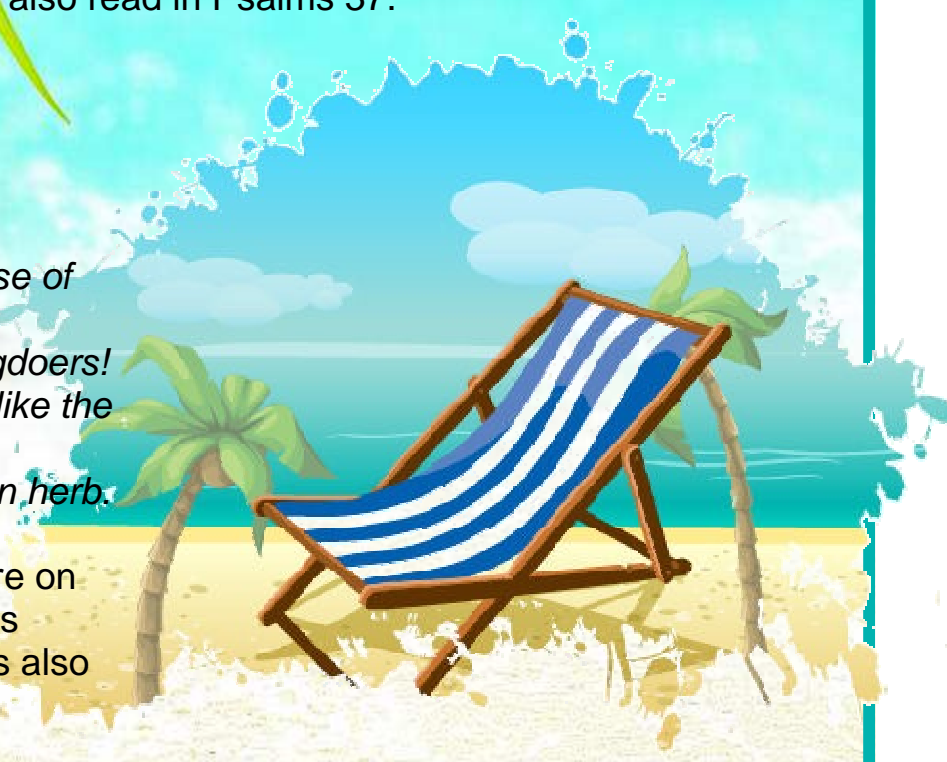
Our lives are so temporary here on earth that we are like a shadow. We wither like grass. We also read in Psalms 37.

### Psalm 37:1-2

<sup>1</sup> *Of David.*

*Fret not yourself because of  
evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!  
<sup>2</sup> For they will soon fade like the  
grass  
and wither like the green herb.*

We struggle with enemies here on earth. However, our struggle is fleeting, because our enemies also are like grass that withers.



Therefore, what lasts if our lives here on earth are so fleeting? What can we turn to that will last eternally?

Both of the passages we looked at have the answer. Look at what is written after Psalm 102:11

### **Psalm 102:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> *My days are like an evening shadow;  
I wither away like grass.*

<sup>12</sup> *But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;  
you are remembered throughout all generations. (ESV)*

Even though our lives are fleeting, the Lord is eternal. He sits on His heavenly throne forever. Look also at what is said after Psalm 37:1-2.

### **Psalm 37:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> *Of David.*

*Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!*

<sup>2</sup> *For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.*

<sup>3</sup> *Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.*

<sup>4</sup> *Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart. (ESV)*

We are to trust in the God who is eternal. We are to enjoy Him, and He will give us what we desire. Eternity for us is found in an eternal Lord. If we want our lives to have purpose and not be fleeting, we must trust our lives to God.

In Him and for His Glory,

