# The Touch of God's Hand

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1 Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;2 for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

3 Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. 4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:
6 He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

7 Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

8 Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.
9 For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

10 A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

11 But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

23 The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;
24 though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

# Romans 8:28 New International Version

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

# The Lifting Hand of God



God's touch can lift the burdens we are trying to carry



1 Peter 5:6-7 New International Version

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, <u>under</u>
<u>God's mighty hand, that he may lift you</u>
up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on
him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7 New Life Version

6 So put away all pride from yourselves. <u>You are standing under the powerful</u> <u>hand of God</u>. At the right time He will lift you up. 7 Give all your worries to Him because He cares for you.

# PRJDE that hinders our walk with Jesus

# When we turn over our burdens to the Lord he will lift us up



# I truly believe provides us with everything we need



25 I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

# God's hand is providing all the time in all kinds of ways.

## Some folks can't see this...



# Worry blinds us from seeing the God's hand of provision at work

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# **Trust and Rest Are the key to God's Guiding Hand**

### **Psalm 37:1-9**

5 Commit your way to the Lord; <u>trust in him</u> and he will do this:
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do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

23 The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;
24 though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

25 I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.
26 They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.

27 Turn from evil and do good;
then you will dwell in the land forever.
28 For the Lord loves the just
and will not forsake his faithful ones.

Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed; the offspring of the wicked will perish.

### We're always asking God to come close and touch us. He is calling us to come near to Him.

James 4:6-10

### James 4:7-8 New International Version

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <u>8 Come near</u> to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded