Day 35

Receiving God's Choice with Joy

Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:3–7

Key Verse

"Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it."
Psalm 37:5

Today's Devotional

Faith is often easiest before decisions become personal.

We readily say,

"Lord, Your will be done."

Until His will differs from our own expectations.

Throughout Scripture, God's people repeatedly discovered that His plans were wiser than theirs.

Samuel expected Eliab.

God chose David.

The crowds expected a conquering king.

God sent a suffering Savior.

The disciples expected immediate glory.

Jesus first walked the road to the cross.

God's wisdom consistently exceeds human understanding.

As our church continues praying for an Associate Pastor, we must remember that we are not asking God to bless our choice.

We are asking Him to reveal His choice.

Those are very different prayers.

The answer may exceed our expectations.

It may surprise us.

It may come sooner than we anticipate.

Or later.

Whatever God chooses will be best.

Our responsibility is joyful trust.

When the Lord clearly leads, may our response be one of gratitude rather than comparison.

Excitement rather than hesitation.

Faith rather than fear.

Because we know something important:

The God who has faithfully led this church throughout its history will continue leading us into the future.

He has never failed His people.

He never will.

Think About It

1. Am I willing to embrace God's choice even if it differs from my expectations?
2. What does it mean to trust God's wisdom completely?
3. How can I prepare my own heart to joyfully support the future Associate Pastor?

Today's Prayer

Lord,

Thank You that Your wisdom is perfect.

Help me trust Your choices above my own preferences.

Prepare our congregation to receive the Associate Pastor You have chosen with gratitude, encouragement, and unity.

May Your will be accomplished in every detail.

For Your glory.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from trying to control outcomes.

Each time you feel tempted to speculate or worry, simply pray,

"Lord, Your will be done."

Prayer Focus

Pray that when God reveals the Associate Pastor He has chosen, our entire church family will joyfully and wholeheartedly support him and his family as they begin serving alongside us.