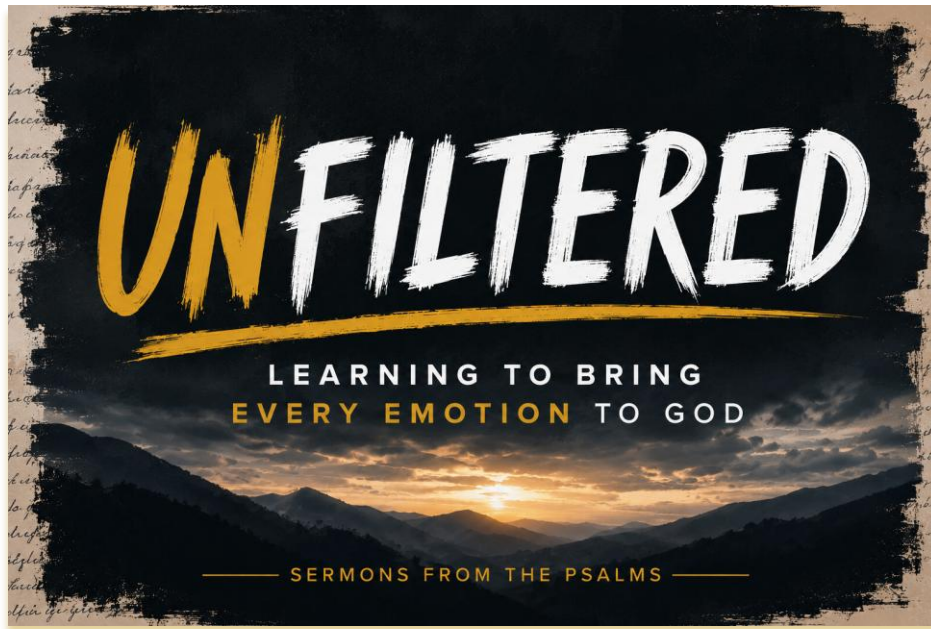




When Envy Tries to Steal Your Joy

Psalm 73:1-3, 16-17, 25-26

What if I told you there is something many of us do every day—something we often enjoy doing—that has the power to steal our joy? Would you want to know what it is? How to stop it?

So, when envy tries to steal your joy:

Wrestle honestly.

³ For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Worship regularly.

¹⁷ until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.

Walk humbly.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

The cure for comparison isn't trying harder not to compare. It's being so captivated by the goodness of God that what others have no longer steals our joy. So, this week, when comparison whispers, "Look what they have," answer it with the words of Asaph: "Whom have I in heaven but You?" The world says joy is found in having more. Psalm 73 reminds us that our greatest joy is found in the nearness of God.