



“Where words fail, music speaks.”

— Hans Christian Andersen

For the despondent, every day brings trouble; for the happy heart, life is a continual feast.

Proverbs 15:15

Music has a direct impact on our actions.

“The path to success is to take massive, determined action.”

— Tony Robbins

Action, not intention leads to progress.

Is it possible to create emotions?

Music affects our emotions and our emotions drive our actions.

Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord. *Psalm 27:14*

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! *Psalm 34:8*

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart’s desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. *Psalm 37:4-5*

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken. *Psalm 55:22*

Enter his gates with **thanksgiving** and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. *Psalm 100:4*

Seek the Lord and his strength; **seek** his presence continually! *Psalm 105:4*

1. What has God been calling you to do?
2. What actions are required?
3. What music will create the emotions that will drive those actions?

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For the remainder of the summer, use these One Year New Testament questions to discuss with your small group or answer individually. Discussion questions related to the weekend sermons will resume this fall.

Devotional Thought

We’ve all had unmet expectations. Sometimes, we can translate an unmet expectation as proof that God is unfair or uncaring. The truth of the matter is that God is just and loving. He wants us to succeed in life, but He wants our attention to be focused on the right things. Our hope must be in God, not our own expectations.

This week, let God’s word remind you that your knowledge and experience does not compare to His. Trust God to shape you. He is trustworthy.

July 23/24: Romans 8:9-39

How can God produce good results out of bad situations? In what circumstances of your life do you need to wait patiently for God to act?

July 25/26: Romans 9 – 10:13

Based on Paul’s words, what determines how God bestows favor on people? On what basis does God choose people to inherit His promises? What sacrifices would you be willing to make to give others a chance to know Christ?

July 27: Romans 10:14 – 11:12

What have you done to get others to love you? In your past, what kinds of things have you done to please God or to seek His favor? How, in your opinion, is it possible for people to intently seek God by doing good deeds, and yet (as Paul says) miss Him?

July 28: Romans 11:13-36

When has God shown you mercy despite your disobedience? How, if any, does your commitment to God affect His dependability and trustworthiness? Why?

July 29: Romans 12:1-21

What influences have significantly shaped your life? What are the patterns of the world that tempt you? What is one step you can take toward eliminating habits that merely conform to the patterns of the world?

Looking for some ways to serve this summer?

Here are a few ideas...

- Nursing homes are always looking for families to come in and spend time with their residents.
- Write out thank you notes and drop them off to our police and fire departments.
- Write thank you notes for those currently serving in our military. (Drop these off at the info desk at your campus and we’ll mail them for you!)
- Do yardwork or household chores for an elderly couple in need.
- Serve your own family by doing their chores and/or helping them with an extra task.