THE GOOD LIFE

**7––GOD & HIS WAYS**

**John 10:10 (NKJV)** “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

**THERE IS A REAL DEVIL … AND THERE ARE REAL DEMONS. JESUS IS CLEARLY TELLING US THAT THEY ARE OUT TO DESTROY.**

**1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)** Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

**BUT JESUS ALSO TELLS US THAT THIS IS THE REASON HE CAME … TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL**

**1 John 3:8 (GW)** “… The reason that the Son of God appeared was to destroy what the devil does.”

**JESUS SAID, “I CAME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE, AND THAT YOU MAY HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.”**

**Psalm 103:1–8 (NKJV)** Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! **2** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: **3** Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, **4** Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, **5** Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. **6** The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. **7** **He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.**

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**TODAY… Verses 7-8** He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. **8** The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

**Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV)** And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

**Numbers 12:6–8 (NIV)** he said, “Listen to my words: “When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. **7** But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. **8** With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

**GOD’S WAYS ARE LEARNED THROUGH REVELATION … HIS ACTS ARE KNOWN BY OBSERVATION**

**Romans 11:33 (NKJV)** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

**Psalm 103:8 (NKJV)** The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

**A PARAPHRASE OF VERSE 8 TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID:**

*“The Lord is very understanding, empathetic and compassionate. He is merciful, kind and gracious, and He has an overwhelming supply of hesed; unfailing love and covenant loyalty.”*

**THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN MERCY.**