## Psalms Disorientation to Reorientation





- 1. The "world"
  - 2. The "flesh"
    - 3. The devil

### "Don't get drunk...be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18

- 1. Influence
- 2. Ongoing

#### Reorientation



## Reorientation... How to stay on his good path Why to stay on his good path



### **Reorientation=Life in Community**

Me & God

"We" & God

Psa. 1:1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. 4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. 6 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

#### 1. Two distinct paths of living

"The colossal misunderstanding of our time is the assumption that insight will work with people who are unmotivated to change."

Freidman

Truth is an invitation to change...the unwilling to change will see truth as an insult.

2. To journey the path of God is to experience the blessed (happy) life.

### 3. Learning to "delight" in what is "delightful"

### Does "delight" happen to us or do we choose it?

But what if what we have learned to want...what we have come to love...is contrary to the actual good life?

# "People will be lovers of themselves...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" 2 Timothy 3

"Broken" lovers

### We determine our affection (our delight, our love) by choosing our investments.

## If we invest in what is not valuable...we will learn to delight in what is not delightful.

## We live in a culture that believes you cannot choose what or who you love...it just happens to you.

This is nonsense

Our practices are not merely things we are doing...they are doing things to us.

There is no neutral space...everywhere you go there is competition for your affection.

#### Growth is not outside your control...

God is all for it...

We must be all for it as well.

### The world around us is charged with competition for our affection.

Be rooted like a tree.