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Psalms 37:4,5

“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; Trust in him and he will do this.”

Matthew 10:37,38

“Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me”

We commit to our partners in this life. We commit to our children. We commit to our family's children. We commit to our employer or to a vocation. Sadly we also commit sin and crime.

David the psalmist reminds us that our commitment to God rises way above all these earthly attachments. To *‘delight yourself in the Lord’* implies that, like a close friend, we must know him well and trust him. We must trust Him with every aspect of our relationships and lives. That way, says David He will give you *‘the desires of your heart’*.

Jesus makes this point more explicitly. Loving your father and mother is important but not as important as loving God. We should commit to taking up our crosses and spread the Good News even though we know there will be opposition. Only then will our hearts' desires for eternal life through Jesus with God be fulfilled.