

# I BELIEVE

## I BELIEVE LIFE IS MORE THAN SURVIVAL.

(PSALM 73)

1. ENVY **SEDUCES** US TO BECOME THE VERY THING WE **ENVY**.

**Psalm 73:1-3** Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

2. IF I BELIEVE THE LIE THAT LIFE CAN BE ALL ABOUT **THEM**, ENVY TRIES TO MAKE LIFE ALL ABOUT **ME**.

**Psalm 73:4-5** They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. They are free from common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills.

3. BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DECLARE: ENVY IS **OWNED** AND **MAGNIFIED** BY THOSE AROUND YOU.

**Psalm 73:13-15** Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. All day long I have been afflicted, and every morning brings new punishments. If I had spoken out like that, I would have betrayed your children.

4. "TILL I ENTERED THE SANCTUARY OF GOD" **CHURCH** TAKES YOUR EYES AWAY FROM ENVY AND PUTS THEM BACK ON GOD.

**Psalm 73:16-17** When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

5. IT IS **GOOD** TO BE NEAR **GOD**.

**Psalm 73:28** But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.