

SUMMER OF DELIGHT Finale

“Hold On To Delight”

"But God renews our desire while using it to renew everything else, beginning with us. God's utter, joyful desire is for us to be with him and he with us such that we might together create beauty in the world. God's desire calls to ours and breathes life into the lungs of the world.

Here we are confronted with a deep paradox: it is desire that evil exploited, inserting shame in its place, yet desire is the very substance of our created being to which God is calling. He is calling out our desire in order to redeem it and make it the leading edge in the renewal of all things." (Curt Thompson, *The Soul of Desire*).

Psalm 37:4 NASB

Delight yourself in the Lord;
And He will give you the desires of your heart.

DESIRES OF OUR HEART

- Our desires need formation.
- Delight has a formative affect on our desires.

Matthew 6:19-23 NIV

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

- The Currency of the Kingdom is Love.
- The Economy of the Kingdom is the exchange of that currency.
 - ➔ Receive God's Grace with Gratitude.
 - ➔ Steward God's Call with Responsibility.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 NIV

19 For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? 20 Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

"To think of God rightly, as God is, one cannot help but lapse into worship; and worship is the single most powerful force in completing and sustaining the spiritual formation of the whole person." (Dallas Willard)

Luke 12:32-34 NIV

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.
33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.
34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

WILLING DELIGHT

Delight is actually an act of our will to ascribe worth to things that are actually worthy.

FORMATIVE DELIGHT

DELIGHT is a FORMATIVE FORCE that shapes the DESIRES of our Heart.

RALLY CRY

How would you describe where your hearts needs to go?

What do you need to hold onto in this season in order to frame what you really want?

- Do not be afraid—God is faithful... I can delight in His promise of Provision.
- Do not be anxious— God is faithful... I can delight the Promise of His Presence.
- Do not be rushed— God is faithful... I can delight in the Reality of God's Rest.