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Psalm 37:1-11

The pain or sickness has returned. The unkind person got their way. Poor people are subjected to more suffering.

These kinds of life experiences usually evoke a couple of reactions. Many people give up and sit in frustrated hopelessness. Others feel compelled to get up and do something: fight for justice, help the needy, and make something happen. These are very natural reactions. Psalm 37, however, seems to suggest a different response.

"Trust in the Lord" and "[b]e still . . . " (v. 3, 7). The psalmist is inviting us to wait on God. For those of us who might have a hard time just waiting, we are encouraged by the words of verse 11: "the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity." People who are in great need will find peace in God. The word translated here as "prosperity" also means "abundance."

If that abundant peace seems elusive to us, perhaps we can take a moment to be still before the Lord and look for God's abundance.

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