

Unforgettable Summer I'm Sick of the Bad News

- Optimism is not denying your current reality.
- Optimism is not blind faith.

OPTIMISM is defined as: a ***mental attitude*** reflecting a belief or hope that the outcome of some specific endeavor, or outcomes in general, will be positive, favorable, and desirable.

Optimism is unshakable confidence about the future, because of who our God is.

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine... 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)

BIG IDEA: What consumes your mind, controls your life.

How do I make this summer unforgettably optimistic?

1) Don't allow this current setback to be all that I see!

*And we know that in ***all things*** God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

Romans 8:18: *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

Psalms 71:5: *For You are my hope; O Lord God, You are my confidence from my youth.*

2) Allow this current setback to grow you as a person.

- **The struggle I'm in today is producing the strength I need tomorrow!**

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness...

Romans 8:26 (NIV)

Isaiah 43:18-19: *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”*

3) Allow this current setback to draw you closer to God.

Romans 8:31: *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

Romans 8:35 & 37: *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

Optimism is the unwavering trust that God is working in every situation for our future good.

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)***