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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
WORSHIP // More Than A Song
Episode 3: Songs of Ascent
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Psalm 127

*1 Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in **vain**. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in **vain**. 2 In **vain** you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves. 3 Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him. 4 Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. 5 Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents in court.*

Series Premise: Rebuild a foundation of worship in your life beyond **sung worship**.

- **Episode Premise:** Societal construction begins in the home.

Vs. 1 *Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.*

- **Psalm 127 juxtaposes two core forms of government, familial and societal.**
 - “*Unless the Lord builds the house*”, points to the formation of the individual or family.
 - “*Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.*”, alludes to the protection of the society which is made up of those houses.
 - In Psalm 127, houses are seen as the building blocks of society.

Vs. 2 *In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for He grants sleep to those He loves.*

Vanity - Having or showing undue or excessive [pride](#) in one's appearance or achievements often marked by futility or ineffectualness and having no real value.

- Here we see that those who trust in God, believe in him for their provision.
 - **Collaboration with God:** In Psalm 127 we see that while God **builds** and **grants**.

Practical Takeaways:

1. Make sure the home you are building sources its materials from God.
2. Take a vanity checkup. Do you understand the motivations behind what you do?