

## LUCKY ON SOME DAYS BUT NOT SO ON OTHERS

I was reminded of the Rod Stewart song *Some Guys Have all the Luck!* while watching the NFL football game on Sunday afternoon between the Baltimore Ravens and the Kansas City Chiefs. These lines from the song began going through my mind:

*Some guys have all the luck,  
Some guys have all the pain,  
Some guys get all the breaks,  
Some guys do nothing but complain.*

The reason why I started thinking about this song is it became evident to me while watching that this was one of those games or days when Kansas City was experiencing all the luck and breaks. Several times I watched incredible catches made by Kansas City receivers that had more to do with luck being on their side than skill. There were other moments in the game when broken plays should have resulted in a loss of yards for Kansas City, but a lucky break turned it into a gain instead. We see this happen at times in sports where a team or individual athlete seems to have all the luck going for them. We can also see the opposite happen too when it seems like they have no luck or breaks going their way.

It is not just in sports where we can experience this inconsistency on a given day. For instance, in everyday life, we may find:

- some days every traffic light works in our favour and other days we hit every red one.
- some days everybody we interact with is friendly and nice and on other days nobody seems to be in a happy mood.
- some days everything we say or do seems to go in our favor and other days nothing seems to be going right for us.

How true it is, as the lyrics to Rod Stewart's song remind us, that some days we experience all the luck and on other ones, none at all. A tendency we can have on those days when nothing seems to be going in our favor is to develop a negative perspective toward that day, or toward life in general, or even toward God. Some of this negative perspective on such days is a result of us thinking how life is being unfair toward us. King Solomon acknowledges this mindset in these words found in **Ecclesiastes 9:11**:

**I have observed something else under the sun. The fastest runner doesn't always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn't always win the battle. The wise sometimes go hungry, and the skillful are not necessarily wealthy. And those who are educated don't always lead successful lives.**

After sharing these observations, Solomon explains how we cannot have the perception in this fallen world that everything will go in our favor and luck will always be on our side. Passages such as this in Scripture remind us that life is not always fair. The Bible also teaches us that in order to maintain a healthy perspective on those days when things are not going our way, we must remember that we can count on God being consistent in our lives. This reminder is brought out in **Psalm 33:11**:

**But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken.**

Yes, we may become frustrated and discouraged on days when it seems we are not getting any lucky breaks, but we need to remember in those moments to keep a proper perspective of God. Remembering in these moments that God's faithful love, care and compassion have not changed toward us will help us to cope better and maintain a healthier view of our worth and value in His eyes.

Some days we have all the luck and breaks and on others we do not. Regardless of what kind of day it is we are blessed to have, there is One true constant in our lives who helps us through each and every day.

**Keep safe and God bless,**

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