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Why joy?
Psalm 33

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- ¹ Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- ² Praise the LORD with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.

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- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
- ⁵ The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

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⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
he puts the deep into storehouses.
⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the people of the world revere him.
⁹ For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

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¹⁰ The LORD foils the plans of the nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
¹¹ But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,
the purposes of his heart
through all generations.
¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose for his inheritance.

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13 From heaven the LORD looks down
and sees all mankind;
14 from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—
15 he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.

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16 No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
18 But the eyes of the LORD are on those
who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
19 to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.

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²⁰ We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
²¹ In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
²² May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,
even as we put our hope in you.

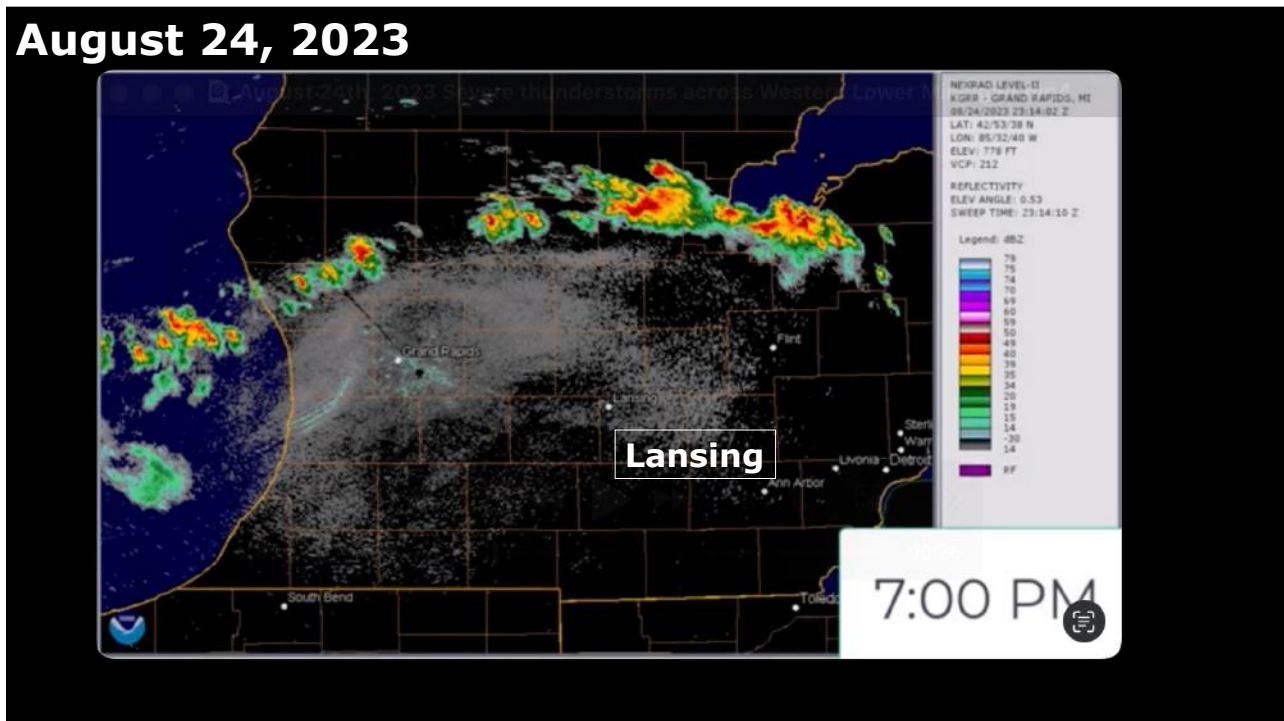
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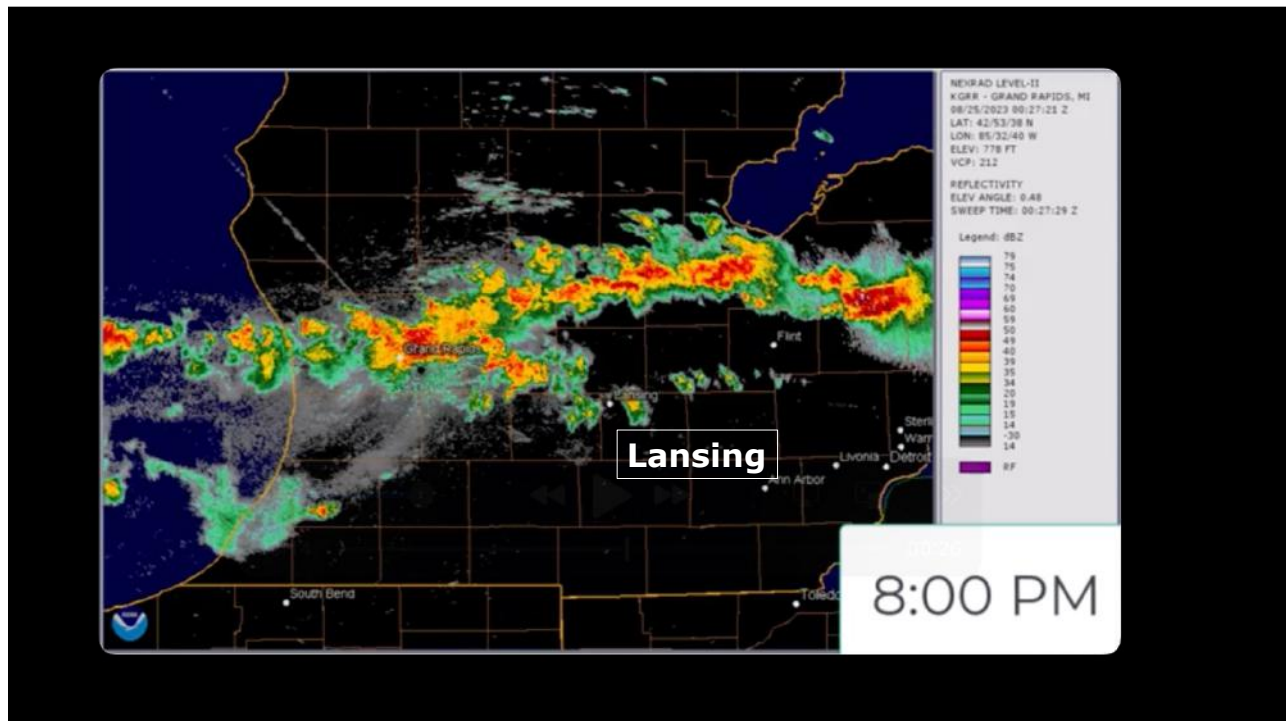
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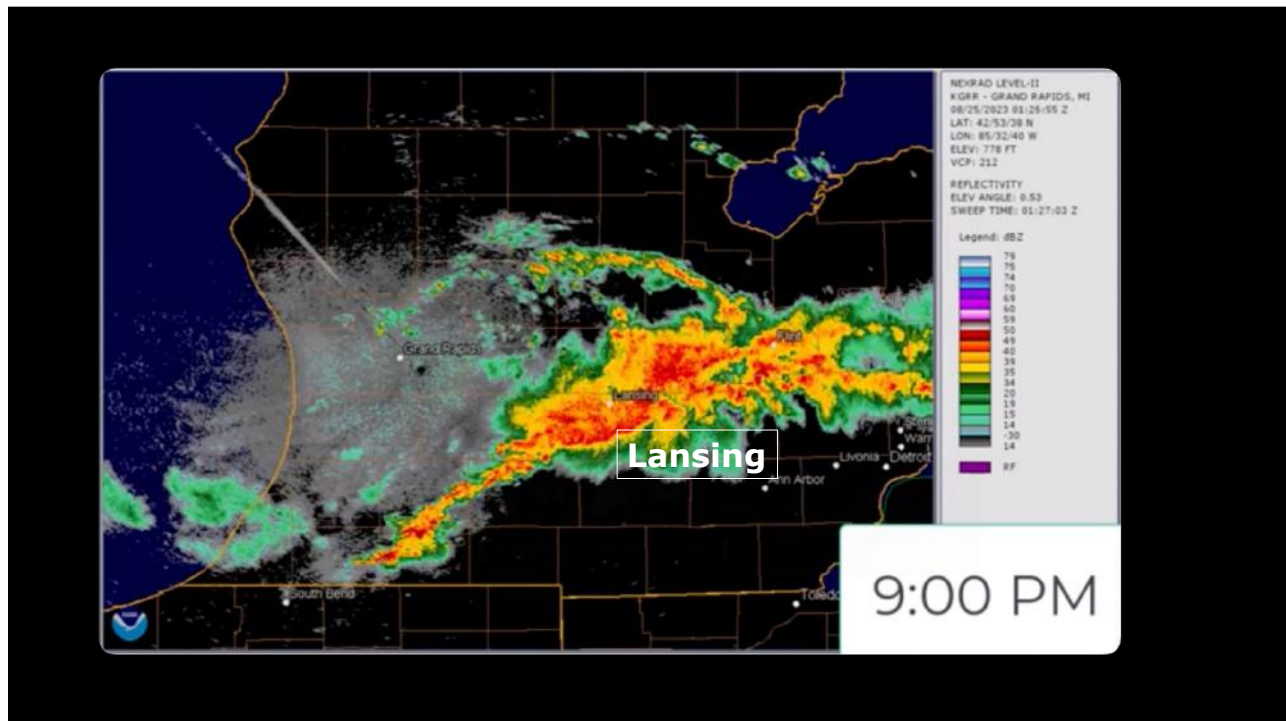
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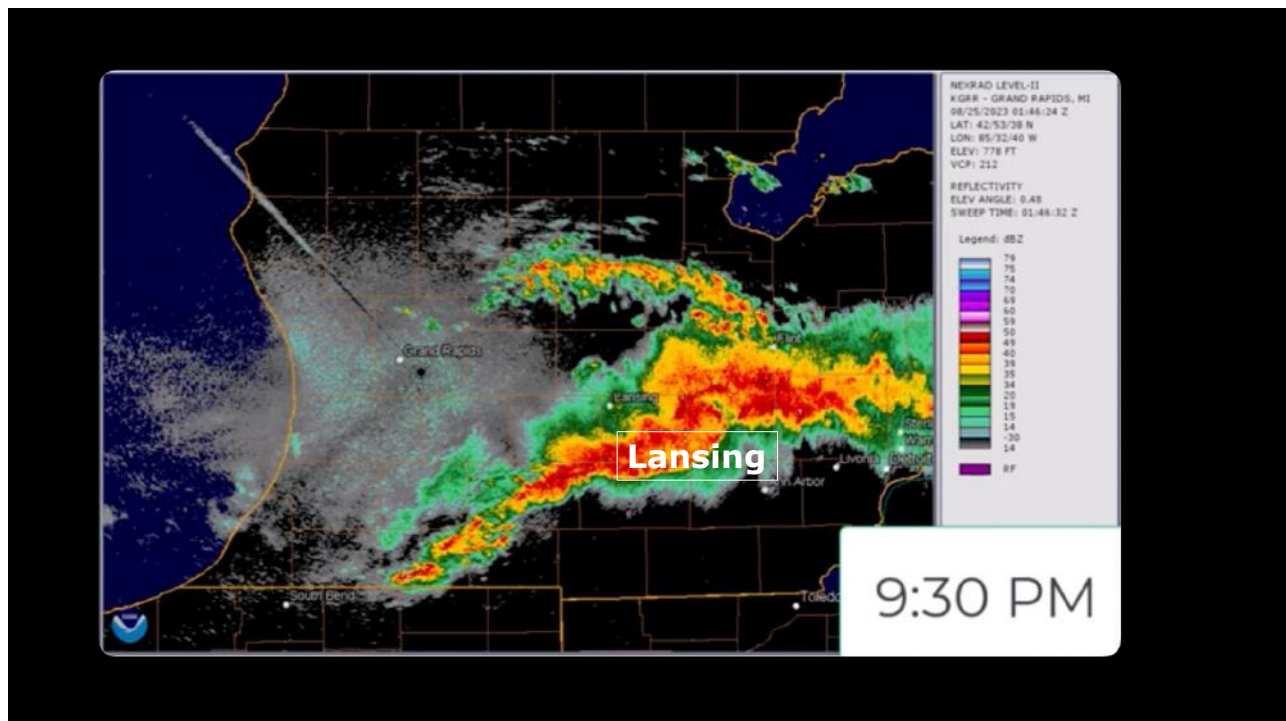
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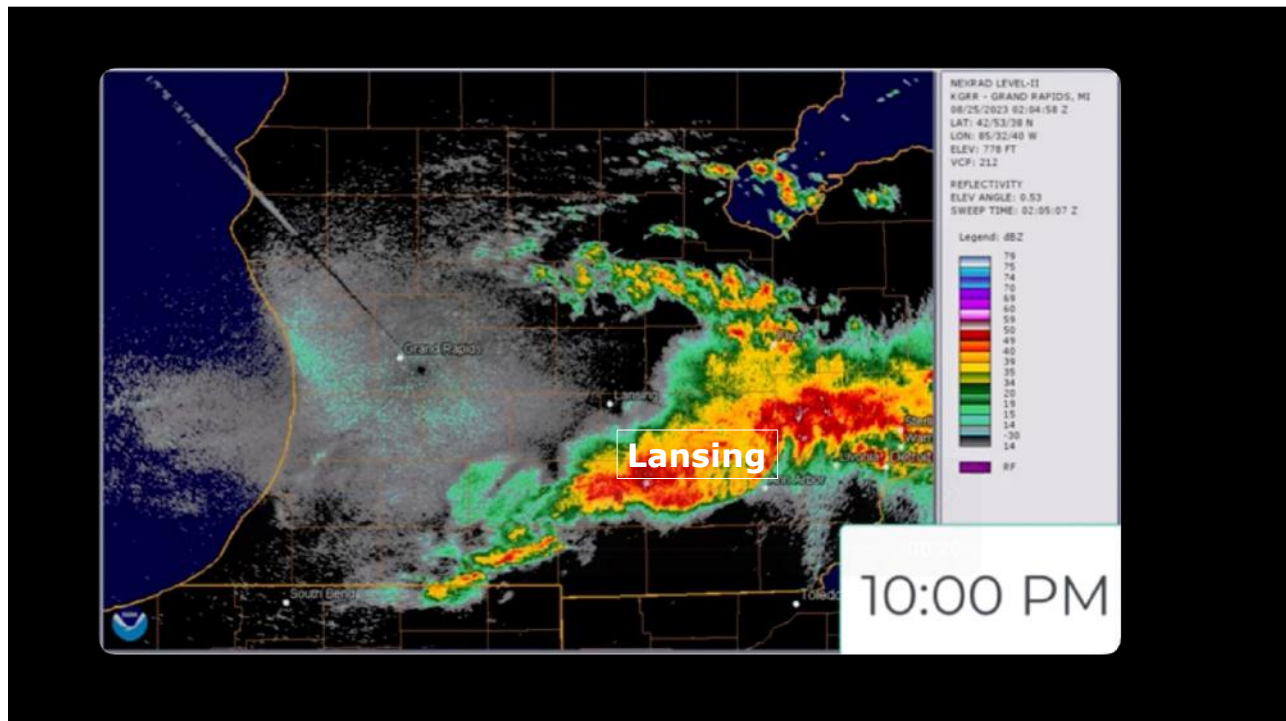




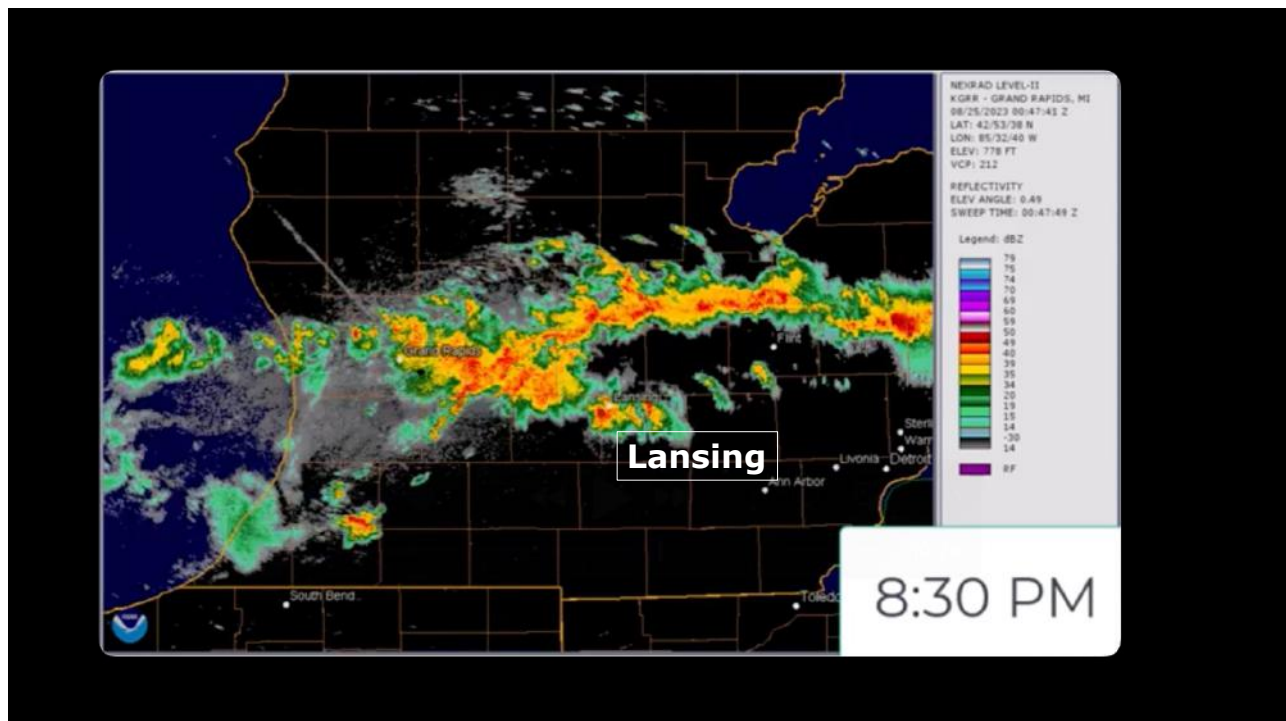
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Trust in (fear) God and His gracious love alone

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Fear of God =
the certainty that the only true hope
in all of history and creation and life experiences
is the gracious love of God in Christ

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- Confess the limitations of all other hopes
- The more resources we have,
naturally the less we trust in God

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This is what the LORD says:

“**Cursed** is the one who **trusts in man**,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.”

“But **blessed** is the one who **trusts in the LORD**
whose confidence is in him.”

Jeremiah 17:5, 7

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a radiant community

“**Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...to present her to himself as a radiant church...**”

By August 2026...

Ephesians 5:26-27

Living **radiance** → Discipleship
 Multiplying **radiance** → Volunteers
 Future **radiance** → Plan & “Conversations”

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Rejoice in God!

- Sing joyfully, praise, make music, shout!
- Write new songs

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Live according to His will and plans

- Joy and hope
- Joining the work God is doing

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PSALM 33:2-3

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