



Impatience With God's Timing Leads To Disaster

MAIN THING

The Temptation to Help God Out Has Led To More Disasters Than We Care To Admit

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-2, Genesis 15:2-5, Genesis 16:1-4, 1 Samuel 24:10, Psalm 37:1-7, James 1:2-4, Hebrews 11:1

ICEBREAKER

OPENING THOUGHT

So many times we get frustrated with God because we want to know His plan for us. We want to know the timeline- what will happen in six months, two years, ten years, etc. By and large God doesn't do that- for good reason. There are two parts to God's plan- God's will and God's way. If both parts aren't present- if we try to do God's will without doing it God's way, major disasters are ahead for us. Some of the biggest mistakes we will ever make in life will be because we got impatient with God's timing and tried to do things on our own time.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. The sermon talked about the difference between Abraham and David- both knew God's will, but only David did it God's way. Can you think of a time where you were tempted to forget God's way and act like Abraham- thinking God needed your help or wasn't moving fast enough for you? What was the result?
3. The sermon said that "God's Will God's Way" taught us three things: Patience, Perseverance, and Faith. Why are those three things so necessary in the Christian life? Why do you think those three things are so very hard for us as humans to do?

LIFE APPLICATION

It can get very frustrating waiting on God's timing, especially when He seems to be silent. The world feels like it's moving on and you're stuck in a holding pattern. It is times like that where we are most tempted to take the reins and do things our way. This is when the Christian virtues of patience, perseverance, and faith are the most key. God will never command you to do His will your way. His plan doesn't need your help. If you don't commit yourself to God's WAY, you will never reach God's WILL.

CHALLENGE

You may be in a time of waiting, a spiritual holding pattern, and you are getting frustrated with it. That's normal. Many of the great giants of the faith have had long times of waiting, of being faithful to God when a quicker and easier path presented itself. Don't try to help out God. Don't compromise what you know to be right because you think you'll accomplish God's will for your life more quickly. What compromises have you made or are making right now where you are rationalizing your actions under the guise of "it's God's will?"