

Faith to Do God's Will - 2

Thy Will Be Done - Week 6 (7-5-23)

Matt. 4:4 and 2 Corin. 5:7

I. God's Word is His Will

- A. Unlike people, God is very intentional about everything He communicates.
 - 1. He does nothing (including speaking) without purpose.
 - 2. Everything He says is truth. He cannot lie - Numbers 23:19
- B. God's communication isn't usually audible sound but spiritual substance that radiates out of Him and His nature. Like light. - John 1:1-5 and Psalm 119:130
- C. Romans 10:17 AMP
 - 1. The faith comes along with the Word. It's not something that you generate yourself. It's a gift from God.
- D. You must have faith in order to do God's will. - His will for you is bigger than you!
 - 1. 1 Corin. 2:9-13

II. Hearing God's Voice

- A. The Words of God are spirit (John 6:63), and faith comes when that word is received in the heart of man/woman. Faith is a spiritual force.
 - 1. We must "hear" God's words in our spirit for it to generate true faith. Just reading physical letters on a page will not generate faith. Just hearing audible words will not generate faith. It MUST penetrate your spirit!
 - a) A. W. Tozer - excerpt from *The Pursuit of God* (chapter 6. The Speaking Voice)
- B. Many Christians live a faithless and uncertain life because...
 - 1. Don't know that they CAN pursue God and His will
 - 2. Don't know HOW to pursue God and His will
 - 3. Don't CARE enough to pursue God and His will
 - a) God's perfect and all powerful word is rendered powerless to blind eyes and deaf ears. - Matt 13:15
- C. We live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God because God's word is life.
 - 1. God's Word, and His will, always generates life
 - 2. John 10:10 - Ultimately God's will (His word) for you is Abundant life.
 - a) Living so full of life that it overflows to the people around you.

III. Impacted by God's Voice

- A. Hebrews 4:12
 - 1. God's word is spirit first but there is no part of our being that God's word will not impact.
 - a) Discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart.
 - (1) Psalm 105:19 - Tested by the word
- B. John 17:17 - "Sanctify them through thy truth: Thy word is truth."
 - 1. AMP - "Sanctify them in the truth [set them apart for Your purposes, make them holy]; Your word is truth."

2. Sanctify = Make holy; purify; consecrate
 - a) Has the connotation of being consecrated for the purpose of being used.
 - (1) The priests in the old testament would “sanctify” all of the different parts and instruments in the temple so that they were ready for the work of the ministry.
 - b) His purposes... His will for you!
 - (1) 1 Thess. 4:3 - “For this is the will of God, even your sanctification...”
 - c) Conformed to the image of Jesus - Romans 8:29 and 2 Corin. 3:18
 3. We are a product of truth, we don’t create truth!
 - a) We must adapt to the truth, it cannot adapt to our opinion.
 4. Truth is outside of man, so it must be revealed to us from God!
 - a) Truth can only come from God. This is why we must hear from Him.
- C. Contentment is not Confidence
1. We should seek truth until we are confident.
 - a) Do not relent your pursuit until you are confident!
 2. God’s will for us is to be sanctified (set apart) from the rest of the world.
 - a) When the rest of the world is scared and uncertain. Hopeless and carried about by their emotions.
 - (1) We can be unmoved and can step forward confidently trusting in God and His word.
 3. You will never accomplish God’s will by being complacent!
 - a) 5 warning signs of complacency
 - (1) No longer striving to do your best... in EVERY area
 - (2) Operating off of an old play book
 - (a) Unwilling to try new techniques and ideas
 - (b) You must remain a life-long learner
 - (3) Not seeking to take advantage of new opportunities
 - (4) Not maintaining or building your contacts/relationships that are the currency of growth
 - (a) You have no more growth than you have relationships
 - (b) New relationships are indicators of personal growth. You’ve changed and are more compatible with different people.
 - (5) Don’t risk sharing your opinion or ideas
 - (a) Won’t risk being so they just agree with whatever is being said.
 - (b) Always playing it safe.