His Way Or The Highway:Some Observations About

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INTRODUCTION

- We need to want so much to be right that we don't mind being wrong.
- You should want so much to be right that when someone points out where you're wrong, hey, now I've got that. Now I can go get right.

1 Our Roles and Relationships and Limits Are Defined

Numbers 12:1–15

- Our roles and relationships and limits are defined. And a lot of times we're not happy in the roles that we find ourselves in.
- Now the man Moses was very humble, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.
- Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant against Moses?
- So after they slandered him, he turns around and goes to bat for him. What an example is that.

2 God's Ways Are Not Our Ways

1 Corinthians 1:19–20; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Job 40:1–9

- God set things in place in a certain order. And the sooner we recognize that, and the sooner that we embrace that fact, the better off we're going to be.
- There's an order to everything. Each of us has a place. If you have a problem with that, take it up with God.
- Will the fault finder contend with the Almighty? Let him who reproves God answer this.
- So we need to submit and take on our roles with humility. Just like Moses did.

3 There's a Universal Order

1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:22–25; Ephesians 6:1–3

- There's universal order to thing, and it goes God, Christ. Man, woman, and child.
- But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man. And the man is the head of a woman. And God is the head of Christ.
- Wives, be subject to your own husbands as to the Lord.
- Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

4 As Parents, We Are God's Agents

Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 6:2; Ephesians 6:4

- As parents, we've been given certain duties. We're to discharge our God given duty. We are God's agents.
- We're not to be angry, selfish dictators of the home.
- You may not try to shape the lives of your children as pleases you, but as pleases God.
- You and your child are in the same boat. You're both under God's authority. You just have different roles.
- Your right to discipline your children is tied to what God has called you to do, not your own agenda.

5 In Subjection to Government

Romans 13:1–7; 1 Peter 2:13

- Let every person be in subjection to the government and governing authorities, for there's no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.
- Our culture does not like authority. It's not just that we don't like to be under authority. We don't like being authorities a lot of times.
- Even though we don't want to be under authority, God calls us everybody to be under authority and governance.

6 We're Under the Elders' Authority

1 Timothy 5:17–22; Hebrews 13:17; Galatians 2:11–14

- Next thing is that we're under the elders' authority.
- Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account.
- Don't receive an accusation against an elder unless you've got witnesses.
- I think that we need to be very careful and remember who we are and what our roles are. Because the elders have got to give an account of our souls to God.

THE CHALLENGE

If you've been proud, if you've been haughty, been puffed up, trying to fix it yourself, I'm pleading with you just to realize that you can't. That you need God, you need Christ in your life.

MY NOTES