Oh, To Be Well Content

Tony Mauck · 2 Corinthians 12:10

INTRODUCTION

- Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
- The goal of this sermon is that we might know the contentment that Paul had.
- I don't care how bad your difficulties are, how frustrated you are, and how discouraged you are, not one iota changes about the will of God.

1 Expect the Less Than Ideal

1 Peter 4:12–19; Hebrews 12; 2 Timothy 4

- Sometimes people are going to mistreat you because you believe in Jesus and take your stand with him.
- Don't think it's strange when fiery trials come upon you.
- Sometimes difficulties come our way because they're designed to train us. And they yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness.
- It is likely not even in our best interest that everything goes wonderful all the time.
- He loved this present world. He was loving the wrong thing. Instead of loving the appearing of the Lord, he lost sight of that and he started loving the world.

2 Trust in God Who Raises From the Dead

2 Corinthians 1:8–9; Romans 8

- That we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises from the dead.
- God is bigger than all your circumstances.
- Because isn't the biggest problem death? And God can raise people from the dead.
- In all these things we are more than conquerors.
- He is bigger than your problem. Whatever it is. I don't care how bad it is.

3 Manifest the Life of Jesus

2 Corinthians 4:7–10; Psalm 22

- We have this treasure in earthen vessels. This treasure in earthen vessels that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not in ourselves.
- Always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our bodies.
- What you have to do when circumstances go sour is you've got to get the focus off yourself.
- Jesus was teaching to his last breath.
- I've got to manifest the life of Jesus. That's my mission. I want people to see Jesus living in me.

4 Realize That You Possess Everything

2 Corinthians 6

- As sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich as having nothing, yet possessing all things.
- Because as believers, we possess everything.
- Christians live at the very top of the living well chart.
- If you're in Christ, if you have a relationship with the Creator, if you have fellowship with Him, if you know the truth, then you possess everything that matters.

5 Weakness Is Not a Bad Thing

2 Corinthians 12

- As we get back to the context of chapter 12 and Paul's thorn in the flesh, weakness is not a bad thing.
- Weakness is good for us. Because when we're strong, we think, I don't need anything or anyone.
- We become smug and self-sufficient and self-dependent.
- I need weakness. Because it makes me God dependent. And in weakness I am made strong, Paul says.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you ready to face each day? Whatever comes. With the example of the Apostle Paul as he imitated Jesus. And can you say, no matter what, I am well content?

MY NOTES