Patterns That Matter (Philippians 4:9)

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk for a few minutes tonight about patterns. And particularly, of course, what kind of patterns we find in Scripture that we are to follow.
- But I want to talk more in this series of lessons about corporate activity. That is what we do together as a group as a church.
- Is there a biblical pattern that we're following in all of that, and something that we're trying to accomplish in our work for the Lord?

1 The Church of Our Lord Has a Head

Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18

- The first thing that we need to understand is that this church, the church of our Lord, has a head. Someone who is authority.
- All authority has been given to me in heaven and in earth, Matthew 28 and verse 18.
- Our head, Jesus Christ, dictates, thus getting back to the concept of patterns, what takes place here.

2 Submission Versus Rebellion

1 Samuel 15

- An essential prerequisite to salvation is simply submission versus rebellion.
- It's submission versus rebellion, and that doesn't change just because we come to Christ. That must continue.
- It's got to be okay because it's worship. No, it's not okay because God said, destroy everything.
- A submissive mind must be cultivated and nurtured in order to be maintained.

3 Jeremiah 42 and 43: Do Not Go to Egypt

Jeremiah 42:5; Jeremiah 42:10–19; Jeremiah 43:7

- May the Lord be a true and faithful witness against us if we do not act in accordance with the whole message with which the Lord your God will send you to us.
- If you stay in the land, verse 10, I will build you up and not tear you down.
- So the Lord has spoken to you, O remnant of Judah, verse 19. Do not go to Egypt.
- And they entered the land of Egypt, verse 7, for they did not obey the voice of the Lord.

4 Two Lessons: God Knows Things That We Don't

- Lesson number one. Lips may not profess what is consistent with the heart.

- Bottom line is you've got to decide am I going to submit to the principles, or am I going to do what I want to do?
- God knows things that we don't know.
- God's patterns are his patterns for a reason. And we need to be diligent students to go to the book and see the patterns and be content with submission and compliance.

5 Paul Talks About Patterns

Philippians 4:9; 1 Timothy 6

- The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these things do.
- Practice these things, and the God of peace shall be with you.
- Following God's arrangement will yield the results that he desires.

6 The Treasury: Laid at the Apostles' Feet

Acts 5:1–4

- They would come and they would lay it at the apostles' feet. That is, they would surrender it so that the apostles then could distribute to meet the needs of any needy Christian.
- The problem was not that they kept back part of the price. But you have lied to God.
- Money laid at the apostles' feet was then dedicated to God's special purposes.
- This treasury is designed to accomplish his supreme purposes.
- But we spend a lot more money on edification and the strengthening of those already in Christ.

THE CHALLENGE

Be intent in your life on submitting to the will of God, and the rewards will be worth it all.

MY NOTES