Wait On The Lord

Tony Mauck · John 5:5–14

INTRODUCTION

- So this sermon is born out of the intriguing example of John chapter 5.
- This man who had been 38 years in this condition… Look at what he gets from God himself, who's come in human flesh.
- These stories tell us that sometimes we need to wait, and waiting on the Lord, especially in the midst of life's troubles, is important.

1 The Foolish Ultimatum

Luke 18:1–8; Galatians 6:9; 2 Corinthians 12:7–9

- God, I want you to fix it. And I want you to fix it right now.
- He wanted to show that at all times they ought to pray and not lose heart.
- Things may not get fixed on our timetable. We need to wait on the Lord.
- We need to have persistence in prayer in regard to our circumstances that are less than ideal.
- My grace is sufficient for you. Power is perfected in weakness.
- What we learn from the example of Paul is that grace is sufficient in our circumstances, even if the pain continues indefinitely.

2 Fortunes Restored and Fortunes Future

James 5:7–11; Job 42:10; Romans 6:21–22

- Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil.
- Bad circumstances are not a reflection on the character of a person.
- I'm not guaranteed in this life that my fortunes will be restored.
- We need to focus on the outcome of the situation.
- Temptation's offer to us is better things now. A better feeling now. An escape for now. Fun for now.
- Don't fall for the devil's faulty fix.

3 Be Faithful Regardless

Luke 17:3–4; Romans 8:35–37

- Number one, we need to be bad circumstance ready.
- Before that circumstance ever unfolds, develop dependence.
- When those times come, you have to choose to do right when I hurt.
- Your response is not dictated by the evil that's done to you.
- When those circumstances do come, drive yourself to dependence, not despair.

- In all these things, he says, we overwhelmingly conquer through him who loved us.

THE CHALLENGE

When you feel isolated and all alone, and finally, when you face your mortality, nothing's going to see you through like an unyielding confidence in the Lord and waiting on him. Be strong and take courage.

MY NOTES