Your Yet Unwritten Story

Tony Mauck · Psalm 139:13–16

INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk to you this morning about your yet unwritten story.
- They were people for extraordinary moments in history who performed extraordinary acts of faith and courage and accomplishment, but that does not argue that they were of superhuman abilities.
- But regardless of what's been to this point, your story is not complete because I think you still have a pulse today.

1 God's Intentions for You

Psalm 139:16; Jeremiah 1:5; Galatians 1:15

- And in your book, they were all written. The days that were ordained for me. When as yet there was not one of them.
- Before I formed you in the womb, I consecrated you. I set you apart.
- When he had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his son in me that I might preach him among the Gentiles.
- God does not determine every action of all men at all times. His goodness makes him clearly incapable of being the author of evil.
- Freedom to choose echoes throughout the Bible story.
- When God saves us, he does so not on the basis of who we are. He saves us on the basis of who we will become.

2 Settle Your Spiritual Past

- You need to settle your spiritual past. Whatever glorious intentions God might have for you, it starts right here that whatever mess is back there has to be dealt with.
- He was not ready to do that until the events on the road to Damascus, and he started to see the light after his blindness.
- But it may even involve the repairing of relationships, laying a gift at the altar, as Jesus says, and go mending a relationship.

3 Cultivate Faithfulness

Psalm 37:4

- These men that God used in these three accounts were not ready in a moment. They became the great instruments they were because they prepared themselves for those moments.
- Delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- To be ready for the Lord's purposes for us, we need to demonstrate a walk of faithfulness.

4 Embrace His Path

- Then embrace his path, whatever it is that he might throw in your path to do heroically by faith, because it's the right thing to do.
- You have to overcome your fear and tip your skis and go down the hill.
- This is what God's thrown in my path today. And I'm going to do the right thing.
- Your faith makes a difference and can't always be measured in tangible ways.

5 Revel in What You Are

2 Corinthians 4:5–7

- This treasure in earthen vessels. That the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not of ourselves.
- We do not preach ourselves, but Christ as Lord and ourselves as bondservants for his sake.
- God can take me, who has been wicked, who could not save myself, and use me and transform me and employ me to help others and advance his cause.
- Our employment in God's things ought to cause us to revel.

6 Know What Today Is

- Today is an opportunity for a fresh slate. That's the wonderful thing about this kingdom. All things can become new.
- Christianity is the land of new beginnings.
- I can change what's happening henceforth.

THE CHALLENGE

How fascinating is your story? How remarkable is it? Well, it really depends on you and what you will do with the opportunity.

MY NOTES