

Sermon Notes

Get Out - Rom 12:2

January 31, 2021

I. Introduction

- a. backward or forward... complacency or contentment... if God can't get your attention now, society will get it later... consequences or results, you choose...
Prov 1:20-33... "listen to My counsel, I'll share My heart and make you wise, I called often, but you wouldn't come, I reached out, but you paid no attention... you ignored My advice, rejected correction, hated knowledge... must eat bitter fruit of living your own way... fools turn away from Me, to death, destroyed by their own complacency... all who listen will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm..."
- b. quite the contrast... fear often keeps us from moving forward... fear of unknown, failure, ridicule, past, future... **fear is a liar**... one thing we must do is go forward...
Phil 3:12-18... "make every effort... forget past, look forward to what's ahead..."
Phil 4:10-13... "learned to be content with whatever I have... plenty or little..."
- c. contentment is not natural... must learn how to be content... *being fully satisfied in Christ while we are improving and progressing to next level*... only cure for complacency is God... must grow in knowledge of Him... pray...
Jer 3:22... "return, you backsliding children... and I will heal your backsliding..."
Hosea 14:4... "I will heal backsliding... I will love freely... my anger is gone..."
2Pet 1:1-3... "everything required for life... thru knowledge of Him..."
2Pet 3:18... "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior..."

II. Get Out

- a. God is doing a new thing... focus on past and you'll miss it...
Isa 43:18-19... "do not remember past... I am about to do something new..."
1Cor 6:11... "you used to be like this... but you were cleansed, made holy..."
2Cor 5:17... "anyone in Christ is new creation... old is gone, new has come..."
- b. are there any things in our past we should remember... God wants us to focus on Him, not us... on righteousness, not sin... on answers, not problems...
1Chron 16:12... "remember the wondrous works He has done... His wonders..."
Psa 42:6... "I am deeply depressed... therefore, I remember You..."
Psa 103:1-3... "do not forget all His benefits..."
Matt 28:20... "remember, I am with you always... to the end of the age..."
Acts 20:35... "remember the words of the Lord Jesus..."
Rev 3:3... "remember what you heard and believed at first... hold to it..."
- c. getting out of complacency is about a relationship with Christ... not about your personal effort, self-control, or discipline... only found in Christ thru Word...
Josh 1:7-9... "meditate on it (Him) day and night... only then will you prosper..."
Psa 1:1-3... "delight in Lord's instruction... meditate daily... whatever prospers..."
John 15:11... "I have told you these things so you will overflow with joy..."
John 16:33... "I have told you... so in Me you may have peace..."
2Cor 3:5... "not qualified on our own... only power and success from God..."

- d. God's timing is always good timing... can you be satisfied for now because you know God is working on something... not satisfied to point of not wanting to change... but satisfied until God brings the change... that's contentment...
Psa 37:7... "be still... wait patiently before the Lord... don't worry..."
Eccl 3:1-11... "for everything there is a season... time for every activity..."
Lam 3:25... "the Lord is good to those who wait for Him..."
Rom 5:6-11... "Christ came at just the right time... we're saved by His life..."
- e. can't be satisfied... can't have joy in midst of trials unless you know something... not guess, think, suppose, hope, pretend... you are certain of something...
Phil 3:10... "my goal is to know Him... and the power of His resurrection..."
Phil 4:12... "know how to make do with little... know how to make do with a lot..."
Jam 1:2-5... "great joy when you experience trials... because you know..."
1John 4:7-19... "come to know and believe the love God has for us..."

True biblical contentment is knowing that Christ's power, purpose, and provision is sufficient for every circumstance. We are to learn how to walk thru all kinds of adversity believing in and experiencing Christ's sufficiency. We have to choose to rest on God's promises despite what may be going on in our lives. Rob Kuban

- f. contentment is not about our sufficiency, but Christ's... trouble in this world, but Jesus has defeated that trouble... walk with Him and you'll grow stronger... don't know what you're going thru... but I know He is sufficient for all of it...
2Cor 3:5... "not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us... but our sufficiency is from God..."
2Cor 12:9-10... "my grace is sufficient for you... power works best in weakness... take pleasure in weakness, insults, hardships, persecution, troubles..."
- g. how do we transform from complacency to contentment... not possible by looking to world... when we look to Jesus, HS transforms us (not our effort)... when you are full of contentment in Christ... complacency has no chance of getting in...
Rom 12:2... "don't copy world... let God transform by changing way you think..."
2Cor 3:18... "gazing at glory of Jesus... transformed into same image... by HS..."

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- h. self-effort cannot manufacture contentment... guns, clothes, sex, money, food... temporary, never permanent... world in constant state of discontentment... not satisfied with anything... spouse, kids, job, phones, cars, house... how do we get out of complacency and find contentment... must yield to Jesus...
Mark 8:36... "what do you benefit if you gain whole world... but lose your soul..."
John 10... "sheep follow Him... they know His voice... will not follow stranger..."
Gal 5:24-26... "let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives..."
1Tim 6:6-8... "godliness with contentment is great gain..."
- i. real change doesn't come thru man... only comes thru God... not event, but a lifestyle... renew your mind with Word... contentment will follow... pray...
Deut 30:6... "the Lord your God will change your heart... so you may live..."
Prov 19:23... "reverence of God leads to life... one rests content... untouched by trouble..."
Eze 36:26... "I will give you a new heart and I will put a new spirit in you..."
2Cor 3:15-16... "veil remains over our hearts... only removed in Jesus..."

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Rom 12:2... *don't copy world... be transformed by renewing of your mind...*

Excited to see 2020 in your rear-view mirror? I think most of us would agree with that statement!! Now what? What are you looking forward to in 2021? You will live up to the goals you set for yourself, so what are some of those goals? I know many people focus on the physical, but there are more important things. **1Tim 4:8.**

Physical training will help you with the difficulty of getting up the stairs, but what's going to help you with the difficulty of losing a loved one... losing a job... losing relationships... or losing your freedoms? It's not an either/or, but a both/and. God wants you physically healthy... but He is more concerned with your spiritual health.

Too many people focus on the physical at the expense of the spiritual. They're looking for a wholeness, a completeness, a purpose, a perfection in their bodies that can't be found outside of Christ. On the other hand, we have a lot of people who focus on their spiritual lives without any concern or care for their physical bodies. That's out of balance too.

Many of us got out of the habit in 2020. Out of the habit of going to the gym... out of the habit of spending time with others... out of the habit of eating out... out of the habit of going to church... out of the habit of simply enjoying life and the freedoms God has given us in America.

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If you don't like the direction your life is headed... physically, spiritually, emotionally... check what you are being exposed to. It all begins there. As you do... you'll find some habits that have ingrained themselves into your life... some you may want to change. When you do that, you'll likely see some things in your past that you won't like. Don't focus on them... focus on where you want to be. **Phil 3:12-18.**

God isn't focusing on your past and neither should you. Did we make some mistakes in 2020? Probably. Learn from them and move on. Many churches are opening back up. It's time we rebuilt our habit of worshipping together for there is power when we are assembled in Christ Jesus. **1Cor 5:4.** Whatever you are struggling with, the answer is in front of you, not behind you. Put God first and all other things will be added. **Matt 6:25-34.** If we can help, please let us know.

Pastor Joe Ganahl

Sermon Study

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1. Read **Prov 1:20-33.** What is God **saying to you** in that passage?
2. Who is the only One who can **heal our backsliding**? Read **Jer 3:22** and **Hosea 14:4.** How does that give you hope?
3. Read **Isa 43:18-19** and **Phil 3:12-18.** God does want us to forget some things... but are there things He **wants us to remember**? Read **1Chron 16:12... Psa 42:6... Matt 28:20... Acts 20:35... Rev 3:3.**
4. Why is **strengthening our relationship** with Christ important to help get us out of complacency? Read **Josh 1:7-9... Psa 1:1-3... John 15:11... John 16:33... 2Cor 3:5.** **Why** do you think it helps?
5. How can **waiting on God** lead to contentment? Read **Psa 37:7... Eccl 3:1-11... Lam 3:25... Rom 5:6-11.**
6. Read **2Cor 3:5** and **2Cor 12:9-10.** **Who** do we need to rely on to bring contentment? Practically, how do you do that?
7. How are we **transformed**? Read **Rom 12:2** and **2Cor 3:18.** What does it mean to **yield to Jesus**? Read **John 10** and **Gal 5:24-26.**

Would you like to be rid of depression? The first thing is to say farewell now and forever to your past. It has been covered and blotted out in Christ. Never look back at your sins again. They're covered by the blood. Look to the Lord Jesus. Rest your faith on Him alone. Only then are happiness and joy possible.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones