

Sermon Notes

This Is Us: Part 3

October 24-25th, 2020

- **This Is us ReCap:**
 - o One Body with Many Parts
 - o The Purpose of The Body of Christ: Evangelism, Worship, Discipleship, Show God's love.
 - Not a "vain" imaginary purpose, but a true purpose. **1 Cor 15:58**
- **This Week: Life Balance with Your Purpose In Christ**
- We are built to live a meaningful life. People naturally want their lives to count for something.
- But, having a real purpose is a two-way street. What if I/you/we fail in our areas of responsibility?
 - o Life Balance: Let's find the sweet spot between a meaningless life on the one hand and the soul crushing weight of carrying the world on your shoulders on the other.
- My early experience.
 - o One day everything seemed fine. The next day everyone I knew was going to Hell as far as I knew.
 - o That was/is horrible. **Romans 9:1-3**. I feel you Paul...
 - Caused me to drink in excess. Caused me to quit drinking in excess...
 - Look at the price Jesus was willing to pay. What price should we pay?? **Luke 9:23-24**
 - Scripture emphasizes productivity: Talents, Vine/Branches, Sheep and Goats, etc.
 - I didn't see much of this amongst the Christians. Made me angry.
- But, then I noticed another theme in the Bible. Things like **Matthew 11:28-30, John 10:10, John 15:11**.
 - o Big theme: the Good News of Salvation! I didn't really feel that part of it in the early years.
 - But hey, if the Bible is true, then so are these verses!! I must be missing something!
- 4 lessons I've learned in finding life balance inside of our purpose in Christ.
- 1) The opportunities for great highs bring with them the possibility of great lows.
 - o Over 300 people have died trying to climb Mt. Everest, every year a team loses the Super Bowl, etc.
 - o The opportunity to know God, be accepted into God's family, live for Him and receive everlasting life brings with it the opposite. To miss/reject God, live separated from him, and lose eternal life.
 - o And that's ok. Let's go to war against the darkness knowing sometimes we may lose a battle.
- 2) Don't have a messiah complex, you are not the Christ.
 - o Your and my responsibilities are not to save the world, but to just do our part.
 - There is one body, and many parts. You and I are each just one little part.
 - o For most this means living a regular life, trying to do right by God and others, helping people, participating in church, tithing, and letting people know about Jesus from time to time.
 - o This includes taking vacations, days off, and sleeping peacefully at night knowing you are doing your part and that is enough.
 - o But, this leads to the next one...
- 3) Many hands make light work. There is work for you to do!!
 - o If you don't do your part it hurts everyone else. So, make sure you actually do your part.
 - o How many Christians have walked off the job for whatever reason?
 - This causes burnout and poverty in the church.
 - Some are even counterproductive! Bad board members/divisive people are in trouble.
 - o If we all do our part that is when **Matthew 11:28-30** true. Empowerment Model.
 - What if everyone in the church had someone pray for them every day? How could that be??
- 4) Part of letting your light shine is simply living in the prosperity of God.
 - o "I want what she has!" vs the old joke about the Native Chief.
 - o If you can take hold of **John 10:10** others will notice! What does "life to the full" mean?
 - I believe it includes enjoying the simple things in life. Stop and smell the roses.
 - o Not just individual prosperity, but corporate prosperity. The church paradox.
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