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2 Corinthians 4:1-5

TRAJECTORY

= the direction or course of one's life

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

INTRODUCTION

- tonight we continue in our series **ALL THINGS NEW**, as we learn important lessons from Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth **5:17**

NOTE: I preached this message a year ago on Sunday morning, but it fits the series tonight

The two most important days in your life are the day you got saved, and the day you find out why.

Psalms 10:4

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

- let that sink in...how often do you think about God and His will for your life?

even many 'believers' think about God in an abstract sort of way...*The Man Upstairs*, a grandfatherly figure doling out wishes like candy from a dish, etc.

how about this evening? did you pray for the services tonight? did you ask God to prepare your heart for the message?

what about the holiness of God? righteousness? His power and wisdom?



Romans 11:33-36

2 Corinthians 4:1-5

1. WE HAVE A PURPOSE **verse 1**

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

back in **chapter three** (therefore...), Paul described his ministry to the church at Corinth

verses 2-3

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

he witnessed to the people, sharing the plan of salvation (the gospel) with them

this plan of salvation he also called:

the ministration of spirit **3:8**

the ministration of righteousness **3:9**

he was comparing this NT ministry to that of the OT ministry of the Law

3:6 God made us **ABLE** ministers, too

NOTE: *ministry* and *ministration* are the same word; it comes from the Greek word *diakonia*, meaning 'service'

have you ever wondered why when a person gets saved God doesn't go ahead and take them to Heaven right then?

Job 14:1

Man that is born of a woman is of few days,
and full of trouble.

logically, we could bypass all the sorrow and heartache of this life and get right to the good stuff

verse 5 the reason for your life here and now is so that you might witness to others and share with them what God has done for you

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

knowing God has a purpose for your life right now, what are you doing about it?

are you seeking His will?

are you living His will?

most people live by their schedule, their calendar, their desires, and will fit God in if it is somehow convenient

verses 1, 16 ...we faint not

2. WE HAVE A PROBLEM **verses 2-4**

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

notice the words Paul chose in this passage:

dishonesty

walking in craftiness

handling deceitfully

blinded minds

whereas satan blinds lost people to their need of a Savior, it is also possible for believers to twist the simplicity of the Bible to suit their own purposes

2 Corinthians 2:11

Lest satan should get an advantage of us:
for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Paul says he would rather deal with God's Word and God's will with all honesty and live it openly before all people

Isaiah 29:8

It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

Reject all authoritative sources, for truth comes through your feelings...your will for you is My will for you. You are living your life the way you are living your life, and I have no preference in the matter. This is the grand illusion in which you are engaged: that God cares one way or the other what you do. I do not care what you do, and that is hard for you to hear.

Neale Donald Walsch
Conversations With God

3. WE HAVE A PERSON **verse 5**

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

here is the takeaway from the message tonight: whatever God's will is for your life, it will glorify and magnify Jesus Christ to the world

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:

are you occupied with that purpose?

in your school, your job, your free time...
no matter what you are doing in each
24-hour cycle of life, is Christ glorified
and magnified by you???

Acts 5:42

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light...

now, I began the message tonight with:

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I close with this verse:

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