

Sermon November 19, 2017

Are We There Yet? (Big questions along the road.)

Exodus 3:8

In the Old Testament God is presenting to us a story of a people. His people. They were chosen by God to reveal to the world who He was and to unfold the mysteries concerning Salvation through Jesus Christ. All things shared in the Old Testament reveal to us that we are in need of a Savior. Exodus means to depart from a place. In this book it recalls the Israelites-(Believers in Christ) departure from Egypt. Egypt represents for the believer today a place of sin. Moses, represents our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Through Moses the Israelites will be released and delivered from the “place of sin” and eventually into the Promised Land which for us represents all of God’s promises.

Wilderness

In between the Israelites deliverance and departure but before entering into the Promised Land they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. What should have only taken them 11 days actually took them 40 years. 40 years of God’s preparation before the promises could be received. Their mentality was too small to receive what God had in store for them. Any time you are not thinking like God you are in the wilderness. Because of your distorted thinking you find yourself in a barren state of disorder which results in lack. Things in your life are not producing positive change you are continuing in cycles of non productivity. You find yourself doing the same things unable to break habits and in return you end up with unfavorable results. In order for the Israelites to inhabit the land God had to change their thinking. In the land as you read in Exodus 3:8 their were some occupants. These were the enemies to God. We call them the “Ites”. Everyone faces the “Ites” these are the obstacles you face day to day that try to prevent you from walking into your destiny. The Israelites believed they could not overcome these obstacles which is a wilderness mentality! When you think wrong you can’t get to where God wants you to be.

Many of the Israelites never entered into the Promised Land, their lack of faith in God prevented them from changing their thinking. (See Numbers 13). God would not allow them in. Many Believers today live their lives just as these Israelites did. They receive salvation but they miss out on the promises of God. They are too busy looking at their circumstances and measuring God’s love for them by what they are experiencing. Settle this in your heart today, the Love of God has nothing to do with your circumstances! Your circumstances, your failures can not stop your blessings! God has already factored them into your success! God has built you to handle your life and all of the circumstances that will unfold during your lifetime. What He has not equipped you to do is to try and handle other people’s stuff. Do not turn to the right or the left (see Proverb 4:27) keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and your path. Other believers are waiting to reach perfection before changing their thinking but we are not sinless but with God we can sin less. (See Romans 6:2). This is His desire for us.

In order for you to renew your thinking you must do certain things.

I. Learn to get rid of your past.

Don't continue to try and walk forward while you are looking back, don't allow your past to be your focus. "Your inability to let go of the past prevents you from moving into your future." Steve Harvey. Let the issues go. This prevents you from grasping your future. Stop allowing what "IT" did to hinder you! Deal with "It" and forgive let "It" go. No one is stopping you. You are making the choice to hold on to "It".

II. Possession requires action!

Stand in your place of authority and act like the child of God that you are. Pray and ask God to show you where your thinking is not lining up with His. In order to possess you must dispossess what has been occupying your heart. Possession will require a fight. Fight to possess your promised land.

III. Don't Procrastinate!

Don't continue to say later, or one day...maybe next week. Stop procrastination! This is thinking or reasoning your way out of the action you have decided to take. Do it then! Then is at the exact time God tells you to. When you take action when He tells you to His power (Anointing) will be available to help you do what is required with ease. If you wait till your time you will be on your own. 2 Corinthians 10:4 tells us our weapons and battle takes place in the spiritual realm we need God's spiritual weapons to fight this battle against the spirit of this world which is doubt. Even delayed obedience is still disobedience. Stop telling yourself you're not ready! Your life must reflect who you are.

Don't delay! Don't get to Heaven only to realize you left victories on the floor here on earth! You're almost there!