

Sermon Notes
October 8, 2017
1 Samuel 24

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

14 If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

1 Peter 2:23 NLT

23 He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

The cross Jesus bore is the cross the church is to bear. Giving oneself on behalf of sinners is just as integral to the gospel today as it was in days of old. Ministry is not a matter of power and privilege, but of humility and service.

Living as Christ in an in-Christian world:

1. Don't follow the crowd
2. Listen to your heart
3. Entrust yourself to God
4. Be cautious

Romans 12:21 ESV

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The world's philosophy leads people to expect retaliation when they have wronged another. The doer of evil expects, and usually receives, evil in return. To receive kindness, to see love when the opposite is expected, can melt the hardest heart. The conduct of the Christian ought regularly to shock a world in which self-centeredness is taken for granted.

"Conversion in the U.S. seems to mean we've exchanged some of our shopping at Wal-Mart, Blockbuster, and Borders for the Christian Bookstore down the street. We've taken our lack of purchasing control to God's store, where we buy our office supplies in Jesus' name."

"The church has learned that success in a consumer culture has more to do with the packaging than the product."
Skye Jethani

Ezekiel 36:26 ESV

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

John 10:3-5 NLT

3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. 5 They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

Psalms 46:10 ESV

10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Daniel 3:17-18 ESV

17 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

"Having faith is a necessary step toward one of two things. Being healed is one of them. Peace of mind, if healing does not come, is the other. Either one will suffice."

Brian Sternberg

Job 13:15 ESV

15 Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.

Matthew 10:16 ESV

16 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.