

Sermon Notes  
August 6, 2017  
1 Samuel 4:1-11

The power of God:

1. Don't manipulate it
2. Don't abuse it
3. Don't underestimate it

Psalms 62:11 ESV

11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

Proverbs 16:2 ESV

2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit.

1 Thessalonians 2:4 ESV

4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

Questions to consider as you serve others:

1. If there is no visible payoff, will I continue?
2. If I have to suffer, will I continue?
3. If those I'm serving don't acknowledge what I'm doing for them, will I continue?

Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Jeremiah 2:26-27 NLT

26 "Israel is like a thief who feels shame only when he gets caught. They, their kings, officials, priests, and prophets—all are alike in this. 27 To an image carved from a piece of wood they say, 'You are my father.' To an idol chiseled from a block of stone they say, 'You are my mother.' They turn their backs on me, but in times of trouble they cry out to me, 'Come and save us!'

It is not the importance of the thing, but the majesty of the Lawgiver, that is to be the standard of obedience...

Exodus 8:1 NIV

1 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.'

Job 41:11 NLT

11 Who has given me anything that I need to pay back? Everything under heaven is mine.

Psalms 50:10-12 ESV

10 For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. 12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Luke 12:7 ESV

7 Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Job 42:1-3 NLT

1 Then Job replied to the Lord: 2 "I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. 3 You asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?' It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me.