

Sermon Notes

July 16, 2017 -- Hebrews 11:39-12:3

Ask The Pastor Anything:

Good/Bad People, Good/Bad Things

Why does God allow good things to happen to bad people?

Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?

- To answer these questions we must first understand who is _____ and who is _____.
- when I say someone is bad, it is based on my _____
_____ on a good/bad scale.

What is the measuring stick for what is truly _____?

- Jesus says that only _____ is good and all others fall
_____ of God's glory.
- We are all born with a bent to be _____ to God.
- We recognize Jesus as the _____ of goodness.
- We can expect some _____ to occur in our lives.

Why do all people, experience bad/evil?

- _____ made by the _____ of sin, of selfishness, and of hatred.
- God gives us the freedom to _____.

How are we to _____ to the bad things that happen to
_____ in our lives?

- With _____, knowing God will give us the _____
to endure until the end.

Is Anyone Really Good

MONDAY – 1 John 1:5-2:2

John writes to Christians everywhere reminding them of who Jesus is, and then he reminds them of the difference between us and God.

- What does it say about who God is and what is not in God? What is it that allows us to be in fellowship with God? Take a moment to thank God.
- What does John say about humans and sin (vs. 8,10)? Yet God provides a way through what event (vs. 1:9-10, 2:1-3)? Take time for confession today.

God's love and God's use of Suffering

TUESDAY – Romans 5:1-11

Yesterday we saw only God is good. We are people in process of being good. Today God shows a provision for sin and God's love for all people.

- How do we have peace? How can we better understanding suffering's use by God? How might God be using difficulties to develop your character today?
- How does God demonstrate his great love for you (vs. 6-8)? How then does this help us in the future? Take time to thank God for His mercy & grace.

Purification through Trials

WEDNESDAY – James 1:2-4

James speaks about trials in terms of God using them to test our faith. He also reminds us about where temptation does not come from.

- How does John's perspective on facing trials strike you? Realize my friend, the process of being a Christian never ends as God matures & completes you.
- Is there a trial you face that God might be using to mature you? Thank God.

Choices in the Road we Travel

THURSDAY – Matthew 7:7-14

Jesus cautions us on judging others, which all people do. Jesus then speaks about making requests of God and choosing either the narrow/wide gate in life.

- Is it wrong to request something from God? Of course not, but remember the godlier the request the more likely it is to be granted.
- Judging and requests of God are choices to enter through the narrow gate. How might you better walk through the narrow gate today? God bless you!

Trials Help Us to Comfort Others

FRIDAY – 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Paul opens his letter praising God and reminding them of God's compassion and how God brings comfort to us when we face trials.

- Take a look back in life at some of the trials you have faced. How has God used those moments in your life to help others?
- Think about how God's comfort of you should be extended to others in our lives who also need to be comforted during the trials they face.

SATURDAY

Spend time in prayer for yourself/others who face trials and ask God to help you/them see how God is using it to bring maturity in the faith. Following God is not always easy, but the rewards are out of this world! See you tomorrow!