



Series: Overwhelmed

Sermon: Part 5: “God, Let Me Help You Bless My Plans”

Date: Sunday, March 12th, 2023

Reasons It Is Hard For Us To Trust God:

- 1. We are too _____ reliant and controlling**
- 2. We are too reliant on our _____ and connections**
- 3. We feel _____ from God**
- 4. We feel that God is too _____**

We reason to ourselves that if God is not going to do anything to fix our situation, then we need to _____ to fix our situation.

Whenever we run ahead of God, things never turn out well.

“But a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He [God] took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to Him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:4-6)

Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, “The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her.” Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai, his wife, took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived. (Genesis 16:1-4)

God would never have us do something sinful in order to accomplish His will in our lives.

When We Run Ahead of God...

- a. We set in motion _____ consequences because of our selfish decisions**



When we jump ahead of God and do things with our selfish priorities in mind, we may get the immediate results, but down the line we may be _____ we got them.

b. We end up wasting _____

Fighting Our Tendency To Run Ahead of God

1. Recognizing the _____ narratives that we choose to believe

2. Engaging in deeper spiritual _____

3. _____ and seeking repentance from God

“God, I’m so sorry I thought I knew better than You when I did _____. When I did this it hurt You, it hurt me, and it hurt those around me. Forgive me for my pride and sin. I surrender to Your will, I want to follow Your ways, and I choose to trust You again.”

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

Bottom Line: *Whenever we are tempted to run ahead of God, or try to help God, things will never go well.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. How often do I step in and run ahead of God in order to manipulate my circumstances because I don’t trust Him to provide for me in His timing?
2. What are the false narratives that you are believing must happen, that are causing you to worry and want to run ahead of God, as you take matters into our own hands?
3. What steps can you take to surrender an area of your life where you are tempted to play God?

Songs used in service: Battle Belongs (Phil Wickham), In Christ Alone (Stuart Townend), Trust It All (North Point Worship), Chain Breaker (Zach Williams)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?