**RECALIBRATE**

**Getting Back on Track with God**

Sunday, October 9, 2022

**WE Slide 1 Thank you/Fall Festival-** 45+ served, good contact with our community, #hereforyou **Slide 2 We’ve been talking about knowing God/will, how He wants us to live so- #hereforyou- GROW Class, join us this Saturday 9- noon, light brunch/childcare.** Sign up today, right now even several have!

**Slide 3 TODAY- Getting Back on Track with God which is whole point of the RECALIBRATE series- to know how to right the ship if we’ve missed God’s will. Slide 4** To RECALIBRATE means to reexamine one’s thinking, plans, system of values, etc. and correct it in accord with a new understanding or purpose; for Christians we correct it according to what God says. **Slide 5 If you’ve missed any of the previous weeks I strongly encourage you to go back and listen to them as they all feed into what we’re going to talk about today.**

**As I mentioned last week we can’t deal with every possible way Christians have missed God’s will so if you/a friend has a situation and want to talk, set up a time to do that with me. Slide 6** Here’s the deal, whatever your situation, God’s will is not complicated; it can be hard, but the more you trust/obey Him the more you’ll experience Him- His power/promises in your life. **If you’re struggling to trust Him you’ll struggle to obey Him.** The more you obey Him the more you’ll trust Him. **LISTEN- THIS IS A PROCESS NOT A QUICK FIX PILL THAT ENDS UP DOING NOTHING.** It takes time like any relationship. **Slide 7**

**How do we RECALIBRATE and get back on track with God? There’s an OT historical event that illustrates how to do this- King David and his affair and murder of Uriah. Slide 8** Let me review it for you.

**GOD**

1. **RECALIBRATE- A Real Life Story**
2. **King David-** greatest king of Israel, God called him “a man after His own heart”, stayed home from battle, saw woman- had to know she was his general’s wife, invited her to the palace, slept with her/got her pregnant, tried to hide it, had Uriah killed in battle. **Anybody here ever do something that bad?**
3. **Nathan-** prophet/advisor to David, God has him confront David **Here’s how it played out. Slide 9-24**

David, a man after God’s own heart, sinned in some of the worst ways but when confronted with his sin he chose to RECALIBRATE his life to get back on track with God. **If you/a friend is in this situation what can we learn from David’s godly response to his sin? Slide 25 The 1st thing is…**

1. **RECALIBRATE- Getting Back on Track with God**
2. **REALIZE You’re Not Unforgivable David had an affair/was disloyal/murdered an innocent man.**
3. 2 Samuel 12:13 David admitted his sin, God forgave him and allowed him to live, just like that! Boom! David confesses and God forgives.
4. **Slide 26** There’s only 1 unpardonable sin- rejecting Jesus as your Savior/Lord, all other sin is forgivable, here’s God promise of that in **Slide 27-28** 1 John 1:9
5. The Bible/Christian history is full of people who disobeyed, but after repenting God used them.
6. We’re special, but not so special that we’ve sinned so badly that God won’t forgive us.
7. If you’re a Christian you haven’t lost your salvation, but you’re also not walking close to God- you’ve broken your fellowship with God, your sensitivity to Him.
8. Now it’s time to restore your fellowship with God/get back to walking closely with Him.

**Like David, we get things back on track by REPENTING of our sin. Slide 29** In 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 Paul gives a great definition of REPENTANCE and its impact in our life. **Let me give the BACKSTORY.** Paul was confronting sin in the church- divisions, Christians were having sex outside of marriage even a guy with his stepmom, bringing pagan worship practices into the church, marrying non-Christians/taking Christians to court/divorcing for non-biblical reasons, etc. and BTW some of the Christians were ticked with Paul calling them out. **In the end many in the church responded by getting back on track with God and here’s what Paul says. Slide 30-32** Repentance means… a change of mind, turning away, to RECALIBRATE

1. **REPENT of How You’ve Been Living**
2. Repentance- metanoia; a change of mind, turning away, to RECALIBRATE

**How do you know if your sorrow over your sin is godly or just your emotions? Slide 33**

1. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to obedience. Doing the hard work of changing.
2. There’s true sorrow over the damage to our fellowship with God/others.
3. There’s confession- agreeing with God that what we’ve done is wrong. David immediately confessed his sin, he didn’t rationalize/excuse/blame, and then went to God to worship.
4. We put faith in God’s promises over what our feelings are telling us.

**Sadly, some Christians choose to follow the way of “worldly sorrow” which leads to death.** These Christians put their feelings- what they think over faith- what God says which causes them to sin in response to their sin and that leads them away from God/freedom from sin. **Slide 34**

1. Worldly sorrow produces death- meaning destroying one’s life and relationships with others.
2. It’s feelings over faith- sorrow from a twinge of guilt (Holy Spirit), or they got caught.

Now the battle for the will begins- the Holy Spirit vs. our thinking and worldly sorrow goes with feelings.

1. They beat themselves up (feelings), they don’t believe God will forgive (faith).
2. They think God’s way out is too difficult/not effective (feelings) when He’s given them everything they need- Himself/His Word/His people (faith).
3. They isolate- think other Christians don’t want them around (feelings) when God’s given us each other to help each other (faith)..

**Let me hit one more point related to REPENTANCE- Slide 35 turning from your sin doesn’t necessarily free us from the consequences of our sin.**

1. Repentance Doesn’t Free You From the Consequences of Your Sin
2. God forgave David and spared his life but he still had to live with the reputation of killing one of his generals, the death of the child, the future upheaval within his family.
3. The difference is after repenting he’d face them according to God’s will, with God’s help.

**What might those consequences be in our life/life of a friend? Here are some that Christians face and how they should respond to them. Before I cover these I want to encourage you again to go back and listen to the previous weeks to give you the “WHY” behind these changes**. **Also, you might not be dealing with any of these situations but Christians around you- family, friends, co-workers, neighbors are and we have to know what God desires for them and walk with them through their change.** Here are some of those situations. **Slide 36-37**

1. Common consequences Christians have to work through.
2. Living together before marriage- one moves out, don’t be involved sexually until you’re married.
3. Married a non-Christian- don’t divorce, stay married, love as God commands.
4. Initiated a divorced for non-biblical reasons- reconcile if possible or remain unmarried.
5. Having a child outside of marriage- don’t abort baby, raise the child as God commands or put it up for adoption to a Christian family
6. Gay relationship/marriage- end the romantic/sexual relationship, do relationships God’s way.
7. Gender transition- reverse the transition and restore as best as possible the gender God gave them at birth (natal gender).

**Obviously these situations are extremely emotional (feelings) and show why Christians need to know what God’s will (faith) so they don’t end up in these situations.** To RECALIBRATE these will need to have FAITH in God’s commands/promises and not in their FEELINGS- what they/friends think. **Our way only destroys to our lives/relationships; God’s way brings growth.** **Slide 38** The last thing we need to do to RECALIBRATE is once we’ve made the turn away from our sin we need to RECOMMIT to live according to God’s will. **We make the decisions we make- who to marry, children, gender, job, etc. because ultimately we hope those decisions will meet the needs we think we have.** Unfortunately, when we make decisions based on our wisdom/feelings we mess things up so as Christians we have to ask ourselves a question- **Slide 39 Who’s going to be the God of our life- God, or us? Week 1 we learned that as Creator/Designer God has authority over us.**

1. **RECOMMIT to Live According to God’s Will**
2. **Who is the God of your life?**
3. Week 1- As Creator/Designer God has authority over us.
4. For Christians- as Savior/Lord, we gave Him authority over us at salvation.
5. God will allow us to be the god of our life but then we’ll also be responsible to meet our needs.
6. He’s not being mean; He just loves us too much to force us to obey Him.
7. No good father, like God is, will give his children what they want if he knows it will hurt them no matter how big of a tantrum they throw.

**Why should we commit to live life according to God’s will? Because Jesus promises that God will meet our needs if we do- Matthew 6:31-34. Slide 40-42** I constantly go back to Jesus’ promise in these verses.

1. When God/His will is our priority, He promises to meet our needs.
2. True this is speaking of physical needs, but Scripture tells us God promises to meet all of our needs- emotional, relational, intellectual, physical and spiritual so we can accomplish His will.
3. God’s WILL is that we make “His kingdom/His righteousness” our priority- do life His way.
4. “His kingdom”- drawing people to Christ for salvation so He is the King of their life.
5. “His righteousness”- living out God’s will in all areas of our life.
6. God’s WILL- to know Him as your PROVIDER in all areas of your life and through you make that known to people in your life.

**If your goal is to always draw people to Christ for salvation/closer relationship with Him and obey God in every decision He’ll make sure all your needs are met. As the band comes up to close the service, what are our TAKEAWAYS, how should we respond to what God has for us? Slide 43** For some of you, it’s time to do business with God…

**YOU TAKEAWAYS**

1. **REPENT- admit to God that you’ve been living your will not His and ask for His forgiveness.**

**For all of us it’s a great time to…**

1. **RECOMMIT to living out God’s will and watch Him meet our needs as He promises.**

**During this song take time to REPENT and RECOMMIT to what God has for you.** If it’s helpful to you feel free to come forward and pray at the steps and then return to your seat. **If you’d like to set up a time to talk I’ll be at the back of the auditorium.**

**PODCAST- Pastor Harald closes out our series explaining how we RECALIBRATE our lives to get back on track with God.** 2 Samuel 12:1–23; 1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 7:9–10; Matthew 6:31–34