

Sermon Questions

Exodus 5-6:27

There is nothing quite so painful and disappointing as unmet expectations. Some of life's greatest challenges arise in areas of our lives when we are expecting something that does not materialize. This can happen on a micro-scale when somebody does not show up on time for a meeting or on a macro-scale when we are overlooked for a position that is handed to someone less qualified. Throughout our lives we experience unmet expectations and therefore we work to shield our lives from this by aligning our lives with people we trust. One of the blessings of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is that He is completely trustworthy, and we can rely on him one hundred percent of the time. However, we find through experience that following Jesus can be disappointing at times. This week we unpacked five surprising expectations that will help us as we journey with Christ.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Surprising Expectations

Exodus 5-6:27

You should expect...

Extraordinary opposition...The enemy will fortify his position (5:1-15)

Elaborate deception...The enemy will lie to God's people (5:16-21)

Extreme disappointment...The enemy will discourage you (5:22-23)

Established intimacy...The enemy will require you to know the Lord (6:1-13)

Enduring generations...The enemy will lose to God's faithful (6:14-27)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why should we NOT be surprised by growing opposition the longer we follow Christ? Why does the enemy always work to strengthen His position? What are some of the ways that you have seen the enemy fortify His position as you have taken steps of faith?

2. How is Moses obedient to God's call by talking to the elders of Israel and to Pharaoh? How well is he received by the elders? How well is he received by Pharaoh? Why?
3. What happens as a result of Moses' conversation with Pharaoh? How does Satan use Pharaoh to fortify His position of Israel? Why does Pharaoh NOT listen to Moses? How does Pharaoh respond to God's desire to let Israel go? Why?
4. When Israel gets the word that they will need to get their own straw, but the workload will remain the same how do they respond? Who are they upset with? Why?
5. Why is Israel being deceived to blame Moses? What is the significance that after 400+ years of being enslaved that they just want their straw back? How does the enemy work to enslave people even more in their sin?
6. Once Israel blames Moses what does Moses do? Why does Moses blame God? Why is Moses upset? What can we learn from this section of Scripture?
7. Do you believe that Christians will ever experience disappointment with God when they are following Him? Why? What would have happened had Moses quit at this point in the story? Why is it important that believers continue to trust the Lord even when they are discouraged?
8. When have you been MOST discouraged with God? What happened? Why are you presently upset with God? What might God be trying to build into you through that circumstance? How might this setback, disappointment or tragedy be used of the Lord for you good and the good of others?
9. How does God use difficult times to draw you closer to Himself? Why? What example comes to mind as you consider how God used disappointment and discouragement to draw you closer to Himself?
10. What is the difference between knowing God and walking in the authority and power of God? How do you see the difference played out in the lives of believers?
11. What is the difference between walking in the power of Christ and simply knowing Christ? How does walking in the full authority and power of Christ make a difference?
12. How can you begin to thank God for a difficult circumstance that has actually brought you closer to Christ?
13. How significant is it that God shows a genealogy to prove that He has always been faithful and that He always will be? Why is trusting the Lord in THIS generation so significant for what happens in the next generation?

14. Why is it imperative for MEN to step up and lead their households? What difference would it make in the generations and the ones to follow if MEN would honor their most important God-given roles?
15. How important is it to know that satan is already a defeated foe and will one day meet his complete demise? How should you live differently as a result of knowing that fact?
16. What is your greatest take-a-way this week from the message that you need to apply to your life right now?