

Sermon 7/18/21

“I Wanna”

Bible Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-13

Luke 22: 39-46

Re-read the passage.

- What would you say is a pivotal moment in your life?
 - How would you be different if it went the other way?

- Pastor JD talked about the prayers of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, and how in a very human moment Jesus asked God for the cup to pass. He basically said “I want to stay!”
What do you pray for in those quiet moments of prayer with God?
 - Do you ever tell God you want to stay where you are?
 - Do you ask for things to stay the same?

- After all Jesus’ earnest prayer, even to the point of sweating drops of blood, God told Jesus “No”. God had a plan, and Jesus needed to see that plan through.
 - How has God told you “No” in your life?
 - How did that turn out?

- How do you react when God says:
 - “No I don’t want you to...”
 - Stay the same
 - Stay where you are
 - Remain in a situation

- Pastor JD recounted the story of David’s desire to build a new temple for God. At first this seemed like a good idea, and was even blessed by the prophet Nathan. However, in the night, in a vision, God told Nathan to tell David to stop worrying about the temple. God would raise up another to build it. Even though David could, even though David thought he was honoring God, even though David didn’t want to live “better” than God.
 - In the face of all your “even thoughts”
 - Do you argue with God?
 - Do you forge ahead?
 - How is this desire wrong even though it seems so right?

- Is it possible for God to have a different opinion than you?
 - Is it possible for Him to see things differently? (How is His perspective different than ours?)
 - Is it possible for God to have a different priority than you?
 - Is it possible for God to have a different vision than you?

- Has there been a time in your life that you have thought: “God’s will is my will”?
- Do you submit to God in understanding that His way is good? Even better than yours?
- How would the Lord’s prayer be different if we prayed “Our Will” and not “Your Will”?
- How will you live your life differently now that you have heard this sermon?