



Series: Living Life Backward

Sermon: Part 8: Did God Really Say?

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The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”(Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1)

Whenever God is not a part of the picture: _____ erupts, confusion increases, and despair deepens.

“If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32)

If you are not dependent on God’s truth for your life, you will easily start to _____ your own truth for your life.

Our view of God will determine how we live.

When a person has free will and everything that they want, they can soon begin to make choices without God because they feel as though He is not needed.

Without God in our life, we will always fall short of who we were meant to be. Without His truth to guide us, we will always be living for a _____.

- a. *How do I remember my Creator?*
- b. *Why should I remember my Creator?*

4 Things We Know From Looking At God’s Truth

1. Pleasure

Besides being wise, the Preacher [Solomon] also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. (Ecclesiastes 12:9-10)

2. Pain

The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. (Ecclesiastes 12:11)



God's _____ stops us in our tracks, and helps us to go in God's direction.

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)

My son, beware of anything beyond these... (Ecclesiastes 12:12)

3. Perspective

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

4. Preparation

For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

But they will have to give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. (1 Peter 4:5)

_____ can either be a promise or a predicament, a hope or a fear, something to celebrate or something to dread, all depending on how we approach it.

Bottom Line: *Fear God and do what He tells you.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. If our view of God determines how we live, would you say that all areas of your life reflect God or not? Which areas do and which areas don't?
2. What standards are you currently looking to in order to guide you in such areas of your life? The culture's standards or God's standards?
3. What areas of your life are you asking "Did God really say?"
4. How often do you get into God's Word? What prevents you from doing so more often?
5. Are you prepared for judgment? What changes will you need to make in your life as you prepare for Eternity?

Songs used in service: This Is Our God (Phil Wickham), Good Lord (David Leonard), God So Loved (We The Kingdom), Build My Life & The Way (Pat Barrett)

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Any prayer requests?

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

What can we be praying for you about?