

Experiencing God: Week Six

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Recap

Reality #1-God is at work all around us

Reality #2-God desires a personal relationship with us

Reality #3-God invites us to join Him in His work

Reality #4-God speaks to us (Holy Spirit, word, prayer, circumstances, mature believers)

Reality #5-The Crisis of belief

The 1st 4 weeks have been about the character of God.

-He is all powerful -He is relational -He is inclusive -He is personal

Week 5 was the pivotal week in the series where it turned from focusing on God's part to focusing on our part...the crisis of belief.

This week

This week we are talking about Adjusting. "You must make adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing."

Definition: To alter or move something in order to achieve the desired result. "You must alter or move something in your life in order to achieve the desired result of joining God in what He is doing."

Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

Following Jesus requires adjusting our life to Him. There is no such thing as convenient Christianity. This is about the cost of discipleship...of following Jesus...of being a Christian. You have to adjust your life to follow Jesus and to do what He is calling you to do and to be who He is calling you to be.

Matthew 6:24 (NLT)

²⁴ **"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.**

You WILL adjust to what you value - If you value something enough, you WILL make adjustments in your life that reflect that... So, when it comes to living our life for Jesus and being obedient to doing the things He is asking us to do, what are the adjustments we need to make?

3 Adjustments we need to make in our life

1) Our Mindset

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Me/mine mentality to a You/Yours mentality

-My time→God's time

-My money→God's money

-My house→God's house

-My wife→God's daughter

-My desires→God's will (God will begin to shape your desires to be in alignment with His will)

1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)

-My life→God's life

1 Corinthians 16:19-20 (NLT)

2) Our Actions

Everything that God asks us to do is good for us, and is what is best for us...So, when God tells us to do something, or tells us to stop doing something it is actually because He wants us to have a rich and satisfying life...

John 10:10 - Galatians 5:16-25 (NIV)

What does adjusting our life look like practically? It is all about prioritizing the God things over the good things...

-Sports, job/career, money, family, friends (good things) -Abiding relationship with God, Church, life group, serving, giving (God things) **Family is a gift from God, but when it takes priority over God it becomes an idol***

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

3) To BEING a new person

1 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Who is God calling you to BE...not just what He is calling you to DO. Adjustments come as we deviate from the fruit of the Spirit. I adjust my life to be who God is calling me to be...along with what God is calling me to do. We are constantly adjusting our life until we die or Jesus come back.

Conclusion

What adjustments do you need to make to BE the person God is calling you to BE and to DO the things that GOD is calling you to do? Maybe you know exactly what adjustments need to be made in your life...will you have the courage to make them? Maybe you know you need to make some adjustments, but you just aren't sure where to start...

Pray this prayer this week, and ask God to reveal to you what adjustments He wants you to make.

Psalms 139:23-24 (NLT)

²³ **Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.**

²⁴ **Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.**

For Small Group Discussion:

Scripture: Ephesians 3:20, Romans 12:1-2, Jonah 1:1-12, 3:1-3

Questions:

1. What success or comfort could tempt you to resist Christ's invitation to go do something else?
2. What areas of your life have you already adjusted to God's will?
3. What area would be the most difficult or significant to adjust if God required change?
4. What have you felt has been getting in the way of God's will in your life?
5. How have you blamed other people or circumstances for the spiritual condition of your life?
6. What emotions do you wrestle with when choosing to adjust your life to obey God?
7. What is one small adjustment you could make this week to more fully align with God's will?

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