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Are You Unhurried Enough to Care?

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NLT) "And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. [...]"

Three Key Phrases

- a. Phrase #1: "I am not in a hurry when it comes to Your presence."
- b. Phrase #2: "I am not in a hurry when it comes to Your voice."
- c. Phrase #3: "I am not in a hurry when it comes to Your work."

1. Phrase #1: "I am not in a hurry when it comes to Your presence."

- d. This means we need to slow down in life so that we spend time with God and enjoy His presence - and though this is an all day thing - this needs to come first.
 - i. What is God's presence?

Psalm 16:11 (ESV) "[...] in your presence [face] there is fullness of joy"

 1. Presence - a heightened awareness of the reality of God and the way that He feels towards us
 - ii. How to experience God's presence?

Psalm 34:8 (NIV) "Taste and see that the Lord is good"

 1. Savoring: 1) Hearing God speak through His word (reading the Bible), 2) Talking to God about what I am thinking or feeling (prayer), 3) Experiencing Him work around us (obedience)
 - iii. Why is being in God's presence so important?
 1. Because being with God changes us (Acts 4:13)
- e. So the first key to holy- unhurry requires a reduction of what we think is important.
- f. Read Luke 10:38-42
 - i. Distracted from what? Just being with Jesus
 - ii. Distracted with what? Serving
- g. We need to question what we think is important in order to reduce the many things to only one - spending time with God and doing what He thinks is important.

2. Phrase #2: "I am not in a hurry when it comes to Your voice."

- a. After spending time with God, we learn to say "yes" to what He values at the expense of good things and less important things.
 - i. My dad used to say if you say "yes" to one thing you are saying "no" to another.
 - ii. If I don't listen to God's voice I may think that every need I see is God calling me to get involved.
 - iii. When it comes to hearing God's voice I use the following filter:
 1. God's Word
 2. Conviction (specific) vs condemnation (general)
 3. God's people
- b. Let's go to a parable that explains this well: Read Luke 10:25-37
 - i. The primary point of this parable is to show an example of what it would look like to fulfill the law: "Love your neighbor as yourself"
 - ii. "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live"
 1. Love is not just an emotion but also action
 - iii. "But desiring to justify himself [...]"
 1. Romans 8:3-4 "But God has done what the law, weakened [...]"

- c. The story of the Good Samaritan
 - i. "A man"
 - 1. We don't know anything about this man other than that He was in great need.
 - ii. "A priest"
 - 1. He would know God's law of love.
 - 2. Why he passes by on the other side of the road we don't know.
 - a. Was it because his understanding of the law didn't require him to act
 - b. Was it because He was tired from doing God's work or was in a hurry to go do God's word
 - 3. Jesus implies: The priest should have said "No" to whatever else, and "yes" to this man in dire need.
 - iii. "A levite"
 - 1. A likely candidate to help that isn't as prestigious, but he also fails to show love.
 - a. Interruption is often God's invitation
- 3. Phrase #3: "I am not in a hurry when it comes to Your work."**
- iv. Be willing to suffer long in the things that God values.
 - v. "A Samaritan"
 - 1. Had compassion
 - a. Looked long enough to be moved in your bowels
 - 2. He went to him and boun up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine
 - a. The look turned into action
 - b. Both oil, wine, and time cost
 - i. Efficiency isn't bad, but if love and efficiency collide, which one will you choose?
- 4. Conclusion: You go and do likewise.**
- d. Volunteer at the schools as a parent unhurried enough to care.
 - e. Meet your neighbors and let them know that you are there for them.
 - f. Interest Meeting for a new women's CDA Transitional housing campus.
 - i. 5:30pm on January 27th @ 1307 E Teton Rd. Athol, ID 83801

For Small Group Discussion: What stood out to you the most from this week's message?

Main Scripture: Luke 10:38-42, Luke 10:25-37

Opening Question: When was a time that someone was unhurried enough to rescue or help you?

- How does hurry play into the story of Marth and Mary?
- When it comes to hearing God's voice, how do you decipher between God's voice and the voices of the world?
- Through the story of the Good Samaritan, what is God showing you in your own life?
- 1 Corinthians 13 says that love is patient. Why must love be patient?

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