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Isaiah 26:3-4

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

SERIES OVERVIEW:

W1: One Body

W2: One Lord

W3: One Faith

W4: One Baptism

W5: One Hope

W6: One Leadership

Ephesians 4:4-13

GOD HAS GIVEN HIS DESIGN FOR THE CHURCH

- God has a blueprint for His church.
- The gates of hell won't prevail against His church, but not all are His church.
- Colossians 1: 15-20
- Philippians 2: 6-11
- Jesus modeled submission by laying down his life, even as God.
- Matthew 20: 24-28
- God's blueprint and gifts include leaders in positions of authority. All are under His authority and are held accountable.
- Titus 1: 5-7
- Good Leaders & Bad Leaders
- This doesn't mean we abandon God's design.
- Jeremiah 23:1 (Leaders are held accountable to God)
- All are accountable to God for how we navigate His design.
- 1 Peter 5:1-6

1 Corinthians 12:12-21

¹²The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, ¹⁴some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. ¹⁴Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. ¹⁵If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? ¹⁸But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. ¹⁹How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

- God makes it all fit together, and His leaders are to equip the saints for works of service.

GOD'S DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH

1 Peter 2:13-17

¹³For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state, ¹⁴or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right. ¹⁵It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. ¹⁶For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. ¹⁷Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. ¹⁸Fear God, and respect the king.

- David & Saul
- Jesus's heart for even those crucifying him
- Do we have a heart of submission to God's design?
- There is a time to say no and stand on the Word.
- We don't say yes to sin.
- We use our right to vote for whatever is closest to God's ways.
- We live in respect and love.

CLOSING QUESTIONS

1. What is something you needed to hear today?
2. Have you been living by God's blueprint, or your own?
3. Do you understand that Jesus left heaven and died a criminal's death on the cross for you? Do you need to cry out to Him?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What stood out to you from this message? Why?
- Read Ephesians 4:1-16. What stands out to you in this passage that we have read each week?
- What has been the most challenging part of the series so far?
- What are your thoughts on God's design for leadership?
- Read Philippians 2:6-11 & Matthew 20:24-28. What do we learn about Jesus in these two passages?
- How could you model the same heart that is shown through Christ's leadership in these passages?
- In what area of your life is it difficult for you to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ? (family, friends, neighbors, church, marriage, government, etc.)?
- Prayer requests & How was your week?



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