

Living in the Zone - Finding Your Sweet Spot

Message #5 "The Final 4" (Discovering the Bracketology of God's Will)

Psalm 25:1-15
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Big Idea: I am in the blessed place when I am in the _____

The Final 4 of Discovering God's Will

#1. R - vs. 1, 5-7, 14

The sweet spot of peace with God.

"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul....guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long...O Lord...the Lord confides in those who fear Him; He makes His covenant known to them."

Key Truth- I will never enter the sweet spot without a _____

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." Rom. 5:1-2

#3. O - vs. 7, 9-11

The sweet spot of no defenses.

"He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. 10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of His covenant. 11 For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive my iniquity, though it is great."

Ponder this:

Disobedience steals _____. And if Fellowship = _____, _____ and _____. Then doesn't it follow that disobedience results in stolen communion, friendship and presence?

"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Psalm 16:11

Christ's Living Example- Mark 14:32-42

"Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. 36 'Abba, Father,' He said, 'everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.'"

#2: S - vs. 4, 5, 9

The sweet spot of allowing Christ to call the shots.

"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; 5 guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long..."

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will." Rom. 12:1-2

Opposite of surrender _____

"It doesn't take a theological scholar to figure that if your relationship with God is characterized by fighting, struggling and resisting, you are going to have a hard time living in the zone." Pastor Phil

#4. T - vs. 1-3, 15

The sweet spot of letting go.

"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; 2 in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. 3 No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse."

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight