



GETTING IN GOD'S WAY?

MATTHEW 16:21-23

I. Jesus made His plans _____ to His disciples.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. v. 21

GOD'S ULTIMATE PLANS ARE NOT HIDDEN, BUT SOMETIMES THEY ARE _____.

II. Peter tried to impose his plan to _____ Jesus'.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." v. 22

GOD'S WORD WILL NOT BE ALTERED BY OUR _____.

III. Jesus rebuked Peter for opposing _____ plan.

But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." v. 23

GOD'S MINDSET IS ONE OF SERVANTHOOD RATHER THAN _____.

■ GET IN GOD'S WAY ... IN A GOOD WAY

Prioritize God's path rather than your _____.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Set your mind on God's eternal _____.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Colossians 3:2

Align your expectations with God's _____.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2



HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Matthew 16:21-23. Jesus told the disciples about His future in these verses. Why did He respond to Peter's outburst with such force?

2. Jesus' disciples were always with Him, listening to Him teach, seeing His miracles. Why, then, do you think they so often misunderstood Him?

3. Have you ever found yourself opposing God because your will was contrary to His? What did you learn from that time in your life, and how can you encourage others with what you learned?

4. Sometimes it's hard to differentiate between God's will and our own. What can help us improve our ability to discern God's will?

5. How do we go about adjusting our expectations to align with God's when we wish for something other than His plan? What's the danger if we continue to insist on our own way, and what do we also miss out on?

6. Read Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 10:5 and Proverbs 4:23. What do these verses tell us about renewing our mind so we focus on the things of God? Can we renew our own mind, or does the Spirit have to do that? Why or why not?

7. How did the sermon help you better understand this lesson in Peter's life?

HELPFUL Quotes

Peter's problem here was a lack of spiritual discernment, a problem common to others, but one that was not in keeping with Peter's place of leadership among the disciples. Like many modern readers of the Bible, Peter did not want to accept what did not agree with his hopes and ambitions. The disciples who had been led to faith in the person of Christ were not yet prepared to accept His work on the cross. - *John Walvoord*

Jesus had hinted at His death earlier (9:15; 10:38; 12:40). However, this is the first time that He discussed it with His disciples. He began "to point out" (Gr. *deikeyo*) the necessity of His coming sufferings, death and resurrection. In other words, He began to emphasize these things as never before. Jesus said that it was "necessary" (Gr. *dei*) for Him to go to Jerusalem. He had to do this because it was God's will for Messiah to suffer, die and rise from the dead. - *Tom Constable*

Peter's outburst was no doubt well meant, but it revealed such utter misunderstanding of Jesus' vocation that, had He heeded it, Jesus would have been doing precisely what the devil had tempted Him to do in the wilderness. - *R. V. G. Tasker*

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A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!