

Sermon Notes

The Arrest of Jesus

Seeking & Giving Ourselves to God's Will

Matthew 26:47-56

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Judas hands Jesus over to the officers of the chief priest (vv. 47-49)

The pain of the betrayal of a friend

Jesus responds, "Friend, *do* what you have come for." (v. 50)

Since this was God's will, Jesus was fully willing to give Himself to it happening.

When we are going through hard things, we have to trust God, and be open to how God might use it.

An impulsive disciple strikes with a sword (v. 51)

Jesus gives three reasons why to put away his sword (vv. 52-54)

1) A proverb of caution about violence

2) The hosts of heaven are at His disposal, if He wanted. (He didn't want that, because He was choosing God's will)

We need to try to discern God's will before we act.

If we discern that something is God's will, we need to trust in Him, that He has the ability make it happen.

3) Jesus was giving Himself to fulfilling the Scriptures

We should be looking to give ourselves to God's will, even if it's difficult.

Jesus suggests the wrongdoing of his captors (v. 55)
Nevertheless, it fulfills the Scriptures (v. 56)

Do you regularly, actively, seek God's will, so that you can give yourself to it?

Related reading: Regarding the Messiah's suffering, Isaiah 53;
Difficult stuff matures us, James 1:2-5

Application questions for 8-9-2015 sermon Matthew 26:47-56

Prior to this sermon would you say you believe we need to try to discern God's will in any given situation, before we act? Did this sermon change your thinking at all?

What could the repercussions be for you of acting without determining God's will?

Would you say that you are regularly looking for God's will so you can give yourself to it?

What about if it means staying in a difficult circumstance?

Do you believe the Bible contains God's will for how He wants you to live? (in the form of principles, not every specific decision given to you)

Do you believe God can speak His will to your heart as you seek Him in prayer?

What methods would you say you typically use to determine God's will?

As you walk around, throughout your days, as you encounter situations, do you think, "What does the Bible have to say about this?"

As you walk around, throughout your days, do you talk to God (pray) as you encounter situations, seeking what He would have you do?

When you are going through some extended circumstance, do you pray over it regularly to try to discern God's will? Do you research what the Bible has to say about your situation?

What do you want to do better?

Bonus, if time:

Do you believe that if God wants something to happen that He has the resources to make it happen?

Do you live like that is true, trusting Him?