

Vision: *Helping People Win In Life (on the foundation of a Personal & Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ)*



Mission: *Helping People Win In Life through environments designed to help them take their next steps in Christian Maturity.*

Sunday, May 28, 2017
Sermon Notes

IS GOD REALLY GOOD ALL THE TIME? (Series):

Living in the Goodness of God – Part 1

Pastor Bob Washington

Icebreaker: Share one of your favorite movies (past or present). Why?

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 100:5 (LB) -- “*THE LORD IS ALWAYS GOOD. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation.*”

****One Way To Experience God’s Goodness In My Life Is By: Worshipping**

Psalm 34:9 (Msg) -- *Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all his goodness.*

What Happens When I Forget God’s Goodness?

1. I Claim Credit For Things God Did For Me

Read: *Luke 12:16-21; Acts 12:21-23; Romans 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:2*

“What do you have that God hasn’t given you? And if all you have is from God, why act as though you are so great, and as though you accomplished it all on your own?” 1 Corinthians 4:7 (LB)

2. I Stop Calling To God For Help

Read: *Jeremiah 33:3; Psalm 37:7*

Jesus: “If you, as imperfect parents, know how to give good gifts to your own children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him?” Luke 11:13 (NLT)

“Let us come boldly to the throne of our good and gracious God. There we will receive his mercy and find grace to help us when we need it!” Hebrews 4:16

David: “Answer me, O Lord, out of the goodness of your love.” Psalm 69:16a (NIV)

3. I Stop Counting On God in Difficult Times

“Protect me, God, because I trust in you. You are my Lord! And every good thing I have comes from you!” Psalm 16:1-2 (ICB/NCV)

Paul: “We can have joy even in our troubles, because we know that these troubles are good for us, producing patience . . . and character . . . and hope!” Romans 5:3 (NLT/NCV)

“And we know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him, and are called according to his good purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NCV)

4. I Become Cynical About the Future

“I would have despaired unless I had believed that I’d see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Instead I thought ‘Wait for the Lord! Be strong and let your heart take courage! Yes, wait for the Lord!’” Psalm 27:13-14 (NAS)

HOPE: Is Anticipating God’s Goodness.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

“My purpose is to give life in all its fullness. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:10-11 (NLT)

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! 16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands...” Isaiah 49:15-16

Questions for Discussion:

1. What happens when you don’t recognize God’s goodness in your life? What’s the danger of taking Credit for the goodness of God in your life?
2. What do you experience when you “Worship”? What about when you don’t?
3. Share a time when God answered your prayers.

4. What difficult situation do you need to trust God for?

5. What are you believing God for in 2017?

ACTION PLAN: Read through Psalm 23 each day this week and try to memorize it.

Outline for Small Group (1 ½ hour)

I. **Welcome:** Ice Breaker, Light Refreshments (20 min)

II. **Worship:** Sing 2 Songs, Pray (7 min)

III. **Word:** Discussion /Overview from preached message & Discussion Questions (43 min)

IIII. **Works & Witness:** What will you do to **serve** others and/or **share** Christ with others? How can you **partner** with your Small Group and/or entire Church? (10 min)

V. **Win** (*Testimony*) What next step have you taken or are taking toward spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus? *Connecting, Growing, Serving, Sharing, Worshipping* (5 min)

VI. **Will** (*Vision & Prayer*): Share the Vision and Mission of CCMS & Pray (ACTS) – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication (5 min)