

Group Resource

Sermon Notes – Sunday, May 26, 2013

Message: In the Master's Hands

Scripture: Zechariah 4:6; Galatians 2:20

- I. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. With the hand of the Master, our life's work truly can be beautiful.
- II. There are three disciplines that we can practice to place ourselves in the master's hands.
- III. Availability
 - a. There is a difference between a servant, and one who serves out of obligation. The servant is available for whatever the master desires, without expecting reward, without setting conditions and requirements. On the other hand, one who serves out of obligation will define what they will do, and how they will do it. If what the master needs doesn't fall within those bounds, then they won't do anything. God is looking for servants.
- IV. Relationship
 - a. Have you ever tried to give advice to someone you don't know. Most likely, they won't take it. We're no different. Without a true relationship with God, we're not going to listen to what the Spirit has to say to us. In face, we won't even be able to recognize His voice.
 - b. If we make ourselves available and listen, God will speak to us.
- V. Obedience
 - a. The willingness to obey God comes through a healthy relationship with Him. As God speaks, we have to do something with what He says. It doesn't matter if we like what He told us or not, what matters is that we obey.

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- 1) What is the nicest/most impactful thing anybody ever said about you?
- 2) As you reflect back on last weekend's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp? Were you challenged in any area of your personal walk with God?
- 3) Define what it means to have a healthy relationship with God? How does **John 14:15** and **1 John 5:3** affect your answer?
- 4) What are 2 areas that you would like to improve in your relationship with God?
- 5) Can you see any areas of growth in your relationship with God over the last year?
- 6) Pastor Michael said, "If we make ourselves available and listen, God will speak to us." Do you know God's voice? Do you struggle in any way to know God's voice? How can you have confidence in knowing the Lord's instructions?