

Pastor Ed Kemp MESSAGE NOTES Sunday, July 19

Introduction

27 They came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him, 28 and began saying to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?" Mark 11:27-28

And He began to speak to them in parables: "A man PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. 2 At the harvest time he sent a slave to the vinegrowers, in order to receive some of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers. 3They took him, and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4Again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully. 5And he sent another, and that one they killed; and so with many others, beating some and killing others. 6He had one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 7But those vine-growers said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!' 8They took him, and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. 9What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others. 10 Have you not even read this Scripture: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; 11THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?" 12And they were seeking to seize Him, and yet they feared the people, for they understood that He spoke the parable against them. And so they left Him and went away. Mark 12:1-12

17 And Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were amazed at Him. Mark 12:17

So What?!

How do you handle God's sovereignty in your life when:

#1. You're interrupted?

#2. You're inconvenienced?

#3. You're injured?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Name one way in which your parents inconvenience themselves so that you would benefit?

Read: Mark 11:27-12:17

Pick out all the times the word authority is used and any words that you think are synonyms in the passage as you read.

Read: Isaiah 5:1-7

How do you handle God's sovereignty in your life when:

- #1. You're interrupted? Can you think of a time you were doing something important and you were interrupted by someone and you handled it poorly? How about a story when you handled it well? Do you have a tendency to value the task you're accomplishing more than the people who interrupt you? Do you see interruptions as opportunities to demonstrate to people their importance to you?
- #2. You're inconvenienced? How about a time when you were on a time schedule with an agenda and someone wants you to reorganize and spend time on something with them or for them? How about while driving and someone slows you down or is in your way, how does your mind and spirit handle that?
- #3. You're injured? Ever been physically injured by someone and had to handle your desire to strike back and get revenge?

If God's sovereignty has the element of providence (God interacting but not in a fatalistic way) do you have thoughts like: "I wonder how God will use this?"

Family Time: Talk to your kids about whether or not they believe their parents think about or pray for them when they're asleep or away at someone else's house. If we as parents think about our kids continually just think how much God the Father thinks about us all through our day. Read: Matthew 28:20 where Jesus says, "...and I am with you always."