GOOD WITHOUT GOD ISNT ENOUGH

Jealous for Us

- 25"To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?" asks the Holy One.
 - 26 Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars?
 - He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name.
- Because of his great power and incomparable strength,not a single one is missing.

But as followers of Christ, we are not promised a storm-free life—we are promised **His presence** in every storm.

"There is nothing more fulfilling and beneficial than being in God's presence."

WHY???

God Yearns for You.

"Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! 18 I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

God's Jealousy

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?

James 4:4-5(NKJV)

What does friendship with the world look like, sound like, and feel like?

It looks like: Choosing culture over holiness.

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. 1 John 2:15-17(NKJV)

What does friendship with the world look like, sound like, and feel like?

It sounds like: Follow your heart instead of following God.

"The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

Jeremiah 17:9(NLT)

What does friendship with the world look like, sound like, and feel like?

It feels like: Comfortable Compromise

He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Hebrews 11:25(NLT)

The World

"The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you."

John 15:19(NLT)

Question: Are you hated by the world?

Scripture tells us the course of the world is set by Lawless Spirits craftily working through the citizens of Our Generation.

in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Ephesians 2:2(NKJV)

"Worldliness is unthinkingly adopting the perspectives, values, and attitudes of our culture, without bringing them under the Judgment of God's word."

What the World Isn't

The world isn't free, it is ruled by legalistic minds (spirits) that continue to grip the rope of bondage around the neck of people. Sinners and Saints alike.

Legalistic Mind says..

Because I do for God or self, I am _____.

Holy Spirit led Mind says..

Because I believe in God, I am _____, and because I am _____, I am empowered to do.

We Love God because HE first loved us. 130hn 4:19

Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.

2 Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

4 He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies.

Thank you for joining us today.

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles..."

— Isaiah 40:31