HOUSE TO HAUSE

This is a resource for you to take the word God gives us in His house to your house! A **HELPFUL TIP**: RE-watch the sermon online *(available @* facebook.com/journeychurch.family) by yourself or with others.

CHASING CARROTS: Approval Sunday, October 20, 2019

What really makes for a happy life? A dream job, house, or a new relationship? If you're always hungry for the next big thing, but frustrated because it never seems to satisfy, you might be Chasing Carrots. It's time to hop off the wheel and chase after something real. This series is about the things people commonly chase after that only bring fleeting happiness, fulfillment, or validation—things like fame, achievements, approval, fame, or comfort.

"The disease to please is actually a form of addiction." - Dr. Harriet Braiker

HOW DO I KNOW IF THE 'DISEASE TO PLEASE' IS A BATTLE IN MY LIFE?

- 1. I obsess about what OTHER people think.
- 2. I am too SENSITIVE to criticism.
- 3. I have a HARD time saying, 'No.'

PROVERBS 29:25 NIV

"Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord will be kept safe."

BIBLICAL THOUGHT —> The hebrew word for 'snare' in the scripture above literally translates (animal hook) which was generally used in the nose of an animal to control their movement. THAT IS WHAT A DISEASE TO PLEASE WILL DO TO YOUR LIFE, IT WILL CONTROL YOUR LIFE'S DIRECTION.

BUT THERE'S GOOD NEWS! '...whoever trusts in the Lord will be kept safe.' MEANING there is safety and FREEDOM found in investing your care into the thoughts of God for your life.

POWER THOUGHT —> Obsessing over what other people think about you is the FASTEST way to FORGET what God thinks about you!

GALATIANS 1:10 NLT

Obviously, I am not trying to win the approval of people, but God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant."

EXODUS 20:3 KJV

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

POWER THOUGHT —> IDOLATRY IS SIMPLY putting something else or someone above or before God. It's thinking about, pursuing, spending more time with, chasing after something or someone more than God.

WHAT OR WHO HAVE I BEEN PUTTING ABOVE OR BEFORE THE LORD?

EXODUS 34:14 NIV "Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."

WHAT'S IT MEAN TO YOU WHEN YOU READ, GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD?

JOHN 12:42-43 NLT

Many people <u>did</u> believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. 43 For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.

GOOD NEWS:

THE APPROVAL OF GOD SETS US FREE FROM THE DISEASE TO PLEASE!

1 THESSALONIANS 2:4-6 NLT

For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people.

POWER THOUGHT —> Your worth is found in the <u>shed blood of Christ!</u> He died and rose again to forgive you and remove anything standing in the way of His amazing approval for your life.

REST IN HIS APPROVAL OF YOU! (*Read —> Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV*)

PRAY: God, I'm sorry. I repent from disregarding what you think about me and allowing what other people think about me to be more important than what you think about my life. That stops today. Set me free from a disease to please. May I live for your word. May I chase after your thoughts from this moment on. Thank you for loving me like nobody else. In Jesus' name I pray. **AMEN**.