

Sermon Outline - Sun, Jul 19, 2020
Jubilee – Relying on God

****Review**** – At the beginning of this month we launched our 2 month study of Jubilee and the Sabbath year cycles. Just before the children of Israel entered the land that God promised to them, God tells them that every 7 years they should take a Sabbath year to let the land rest. After 7 X & 7 yr cycles on year 50 it is the Year of Jubilee in which everything is reset. Over 6 weeks we are studying the 6 practices of Jubilee - (1) Rest, (2) Rely, (3) Reset, (4) Release, (5) Restore, (6) Rejoice. Last week we talked about Rest with the acronym SLOW (Stop, Listen, Obey, Worship). God commands us to lean into Sabbath every 7 days and every 7 years so that they practices become a part of our daily life and practice. We establish Sabbath as a resistance to our personal and collective tendency to go, go, go

Exegesis

- * All along the journey, God has been teaching the Israelites about relying on God and they have struggled to get the message (Manna, The Golden Calf, etc.)
- * In being willing to let the land rest, they have to trust God to take care of them.
- * Jeremiah scripture talks about the danger in relying on human beings incl ourselves.
- * Only when we are willing to get right up next to God, to attached at the roots to our source, are we able to get the nourishment we need
- * Relying on God is a must to have the trust in God we need to lean into Jubilee

****Key Points**** – RELY

- * Can't nobody love you like Jesus. You should rely on Jesus because there is nobody more ride or die than he was. LITERALLY. You can trust him.
- * You don't have to prove anything to anyone. Many of us working too hard to prove our worth to people that don't value us as God does (sometimes we are among those people.) We live in our flesh because someone told us we are not good enough.
- * What God wants for you is absolutely beyond your imagination and ability. When you create space for the Holy Spirit to work through you, she will give you dreams that blow your mind and she will give you power that is beyond your "skills."
- * Part of your Sabbath practice is about remembering these things. Putting down those things that cause you to get caught up in trying to do it on your own and measuring your worth based on what others say. That is why we need the renewing of our mind in Sabbath so that we can aspire to things beyond our limited view

****Core Questions**** – We'll talk about communal practice, but today we focus more individually

1. Who are you trying to prove your worth to, other than God?
2. What practices help you to open your imagination to where God is calling you? (If there is not a specific practice, what might you want to try to create space for God to blow your mind.)
3. How can we collectively rely on God to direct the path of our congregation? What practices will help us to hear together?