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Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Sermon Series: Chasing Carrots: The Endless Pursuit of More

Sermon Title: Approval

Scripture: Proverbs 29:25, John 12:41-43, 1 Thessalonians 2:4-6

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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Sermon Notes
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Big Idea

Becoming obsessed with what people think about you is the fastest way to forget about what God thinks about you.

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1. People pleasing is a form of idolatry.
 - Definitely more of a spiritual problem than a relational one
 - Idolatry here is putting people ahead of Christ
2. The approval of God sets us free from the disease to please!

My worth isn't based on what people think about me. My worth is based on what God thinks about me.

In Christ I am:

- A new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- Forgiven/my sins are washed away (Ephesians 1:7)
- More than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)
- God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10)
- Filled with the same Spirit that raised Christ (Romans 8:11)
- A joint heir with Christ (Romans 8:17)
- Christ's ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Let's focus on what God thinks about us!!!
Let's live for God's approval!!!
Let's live approved by God!!!

Then:

No one can steal my joy.
No one can talk me out of my purpose.
No one can stop me from doing what God wants.

Sermon Questions

Ice Breaker: When you were young, whose approval meant the most to you? Why?

1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why?
2. What areas in your life are “bound up” by living for the approval of people?
3. Here are several challenges people-pleasers often struggle with: obsessing over what others think, feeling overly sensitive to criticism, and having a hard time saying “no.” Is there one that most describes you? Why do you think you have a hard time with that particular challenge?
4. Pastor Kendall taught that people pleasing is a form of idolatry. If we were to prioritize Christ's approval over the approval of others, how might that change our lives and our relationships?
5. Galatians 1:10 says “Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.” In what ways is fearing what others think a trap?
6. What are some ways you can stop seeking approval from others?
7. What steps can you take to truly start embracing who God says you are?
8. Read these Additional Key Scriptures and meditate on who God says you are this week: 2 Corinthians 5:17,20,21; Ephesians 1:7, 2:10; Romans 1:7, 8:11,17,37; Matthew 5:14. Choose your favorite and tell us why.