

# Sermon Notes

God Never Said That #4 – It doesn't Matter What You Do

January 26, 2025

1 Corinthians 10:23-24, Luke 20:45-47

1. Week 1 – God wants you to be happy, 1 John 2:15-17, Matthew 11:28-30
  - a. God *prefers* it when we are happy – Psalm 68:3 – BUT, happiness is NOT a core value!
  - b. The theology of Jesus Christ – God wants you to be blessed, whether you are happy or not.
  - c. Love of God = theology of blessing = trust in heavenly things.
2. Week 2 – God will never give me more than I can handle – Luke 10:29-37.
  - a. God does NOT cause our suffering, but God does ALLOW us to suffer.
    - i. We need to grow – Peter.
    - ii. We need to learn to utterly rely on God – Paul – 2 Cor 12:9.
3. Week 3 – It doesn't matter what you believe (as long as you are sincere) – John 14:1-7.
  - a. Know Jesus and you will know God – faith is about a relationship.
  - b. As followers of Jesus, we ARE called to be good people.
4. Week 4 – It doesn't matter what you do.
  - a. This is the MOST challenging week.
  - b. We ARE immature.
    - i. 1 John 1:8 – “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”
    - ii. We ALL have immaturity in our lives – the Bible calls that sin.
    - iii. Romans 3:23 – “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
  - c. We don't like to be called immature/sinner.
    - i. We Defend ourselves.
    - ii. We point out the sins of others.
    - iii. Well, I did it before and there were no consequences.
  - d. 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 – we CAN do anything, but not everything is beneficial.
    - i. They had lots of rules in Jesus' time – 614 of them!
    - ii. Freedom in Jesus means that we can “do anything”.
    - iii. 1 Corinthians 6:12 – yes, but it will master/dominate/corrupt you.
  - e. The call is to be more faithful 1 John 1:8
    - i. Love your neighbor.
    - ii. Luke 20:45 – 47 – It's about personal piety AND how we treat others.
    - iii. John Wesley