

Masterpiece part 3– 1/23/22

Pastor Rick: One Size Does Not Fit All

Message Summary:

1 Samuel 17:32-40

Story of David and Saul's armor

David's wise conclusion: "I cannot go in these."

If David went into the battle with Saul's armor, he would have lost. God knew what David needed. We can trust God to know what we need.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

God's plan is not just for us to be saved by grace. It is for us to live by grace.

Me (current) Grace Me (God's version)

Try Harder--- Fatigue---Guilt---Quit

Maybe it's time we stop trying to use Saul's armor!

His plan for growing you will not look like his plan for anyone else!

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NIV

Many approaches to spiritual growth assume the same methods will produce the same growth in different people—but they don't.

"Spiritual growth is hand-crafted, not mass-produced. God does not do a one size fits all!" John Ortberg

How has God made you?

John 17:11 NIV

Unity is not Uniformity!

Consider your temperament and Spiritual Pathways.

What brings you life?

Spiritual Disciplines

A Spiritual Discipline is simply an activity you engage in to be made more fully alive by the Spirit of Life.

- Bible intake
- Prayer
- Worship
- Reflection

Pick a few to practice, experiment and have fun!

“Freedom is needed for the path to growth.”

The main measure of your devotion to God is NOT your devotional life. It is simply your life.

The discipline of Surrender: There is a God and it is not you!

“Start with God—the first step in learning is bowing down to God.” Proverbs 1: 7 The Message Version

Real life and real growth begin, when I die to the false god that is ME....

Matthew 10:39

Luke 12:24

The presence of Christ is with you always. It is a precious gift and it is yours to open but YOU must open!

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you from the message? Take turns reading the Scripture passages referenced above.
2. Last week Pastor Rick asked, “What if God is really available all the time, working in every moment of every day of your life?” Share one or two ways that these Masterpiece messages are impacting your thoughts or actions.
3. Have you tried a spiritual discipline that someone raved about but it just did not work for you? Explain and share how it made you feel. What is your take-away about that experience?
4. After taking the Temperament and Spiritual Pathway tests, how did you come out*? What do they teach you about how God has uniquely made you?
5. Pastor Rick gave some examples of Spiritual Disciplines. What are a few ways you can experiment with these this week?
6. “The main measure of your devotion to God is NOT your devotional life; it is simply your life.” Do you agree or disagree? What does this mean to you?

*If you haven't yet, do the two assessments (links on App or below)

Sacred Pathways: <https://www.csmedia1.com/paseodelrey.org/sacred-pathways-quiz.pdf>

Kersey Bates Temperament: <http://www.lifeconnectionsonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Keirse-Temperament-Sorter.pdf>