

Sermon: Finding True North

Key Verse: "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." — Psalm 37:4

I. The Danger of the "Drift"

The Hubbard Lesson: Sincerity is no substitute for accuracy.

The Internal Problem: Our hearts are deceitful and prone to interference from our passions rather than God's fixed Truth.

The Solution: To survive the wilderness of life, we must rely on what is fixed, not what is shifting.

II. Identity is Received, Not Achieved

Defining Identity: We are not defined by our past failures, but by our position in Christ.

The Meaning of "Delight": In Hebrew, 'anag means to be softened or malleable.

The Axis of the Soul: A compass needle can only find North if it is soft enough to swing freely.

Sproul's Insight: Our identity is not in ourselves, but in the One to whom we belong.

III. Overcoming "Magnetic Deviation"

Local Attractions: "Fretting" happens when we let "local metal"—the opinions of others or social media—hijack our heading.

The Palindrome of Grace: When we "give" our delight to God, He gives back a transformed heart.

Breaking Idols: An idol is anything that exerts a stronger magnetic pull on your heart than Jesus does.

IV. The Map and the Navigator

The Objective Map: Scripture is the map that corrects our subjective feelings.

The Internal Navigator: The Holy Spirit provides a witness to our spirit that we are children of God.

The Result: When the Word and Spirit lead, we move from "fretting" to resting.

Personal Reflection & Application

What "local metal" (anxiety, expectation, or comparison) is currently pulling your compass needle away from Christ?

This week's commitment: I will commit to delighting in the Lord daily, trusting Him to align my desires with His.