

Jesus at the Center- This Crooked Generation

Sermon: Jesus at the Center- This Crooked Generation

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And we know that in all things God works for the good

Romans 8:28

A declaration about our Father God:

Our Father in Heaven is in charge. He is good, gracious, and glorious. He is all powerful, all knowing, and all loving. He is not shaken, He is not fearful, He is not surprised. He is never helpless, never frustrated, never at a loss. He reigns, He rules, and He overcomes.

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

Acts 2:40

Corrupt (Skolios): crooked or out of alignment

They are corrupt and not his children; to their shame they are a warped and crooked generation. **Deuteronomy 32:5**

Seasons of Testing are Seasons of Revealing and Refining

-Sometimes to correct us we must be dismantled and rebuilt

“For it is time for judgment to begin with God’s household”

1 Peter 4:17

Ecclesiastes 3:16-18

We may be in a reckoning/sifting season - Raising to the surface our brokenness - not for shaming, but for restoration

“Man-centered structures will be torn down as God’s Spirit moves”

- Man-centered structures are being stripped down
- Institutions, organizations, and ideologies are being exposed
- Areas of our hidden, unrepentant sins are being revealed
- Places that we have placed our dependence, securities, and hope are being dismantled

Our Hope:

“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if **my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**”

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

Tomorrow's Freedom starts with Today's Surrender

Questions

1. Romans 8:28 says that God works all things for good. If good is defined as your life refurbished and transformed, how are you seeing God work everything to that good?
2. What is the trajectory of your life? Your words, thoughts, feelings, actions. Are they all on track to hit the bullseye of the life of Jesus?
3. Read James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:12-13, 16-17 How have you experienced a testing? How have you been changed by that testing?
4. Invite God to show you the places in your life that He wants to reveal, dismantle, tear down in order to heal and rebuild. If this is hard for you, first ask God to give you a humble heart and willingness to listen to Him and be in complete alignment with Him!

Pray: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23,24