



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sunday, April 10, 2011

Live By Faith: Even When God Says No

II Corinthians 12:7-10

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This morning we had a number of people baptized. Share as a group about your baptism. Where you an infant? Teen? Adult? Take time to remember your baptism.

In the early church, when a person was baptized, they spoke what we would know today at the "apostles creed", affirming all that the Scriptures would call as essential faith elements. It was their way of stating that all of their life is given to God.

When have there been times in your life that you've just not wanted to follow something in which God has called you?

What are places in your life that you have asked God for something and he has just said, "No"? What was your response? What do you wish your response had been?

Read II Corinthians 12:7-10

What do you imagine was Paul's "thorn in the flesh?" What is the thing that you keep asking God to take away yet he just hasn't?

Is there one thing in your life that you keep thinking IF God would change, give, or take away that your life would be fully complete? What would that be? Why do you think that would make life full?

What is the one thing that God has given that makes your life full? How do you cling to this one thing to see you through the one thing you keep hoping he will do?

Mike made the following comments about the passage this morning.

Discuss each:

1. We have permission to ask anything of God.
2. God has permission to say no.
3. God always has a reason for saying no.
4. In God's economy, character takes precedence over comfort.
5. God never promised to remove all the thorns of life.
6. God's grace is sufficient for me.

Spend time thanking God that it is through Jesus that we have all that we need.