

# Sermon Notes

## Seek and You Will Find – Part 1: Peace with God

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- **Seek and You Will Find**
- Amazing section of Scripture that had a huge impact on me: **Matthew 7:7-11.**
  - o What a promise! We are invited to Ask, Seek, and Knock.
    - That means we initiate. We keep at it. We realign when we need to.
  - o First Step: Believing that God can help you. Actually, really, give you something good.
    - God is. God is able. God is good. God is willing. So, let's go after it!!
- Let's seek wisely.
  - o Often people desire things that will actually harm them.
    - Ex: winning the lottery. This often goes quite poorly.
      - Rather, seek wisdom in submitting your financial life to God.
  - o So, what shall we seek?
    - I want to go after three interrelated things: let's try to seek and 1) find our peace, 2) find our people, and 3) find our purpose.
    - These are all promises from God. So, we know they are good and God's will for us.
- **Let's Start With: Finding Your Peace**
- First step: Finding Peace with God.
  - o Let's watch a short video to help us discuss this: "It's Not About The Nail" by Jason Headly.
  - o Both people have their peace robbed from them, but for different reasons.
    - He needs to solve the problem, but he seems powerless against the obvious.
    - She needs to be heard and understood, but that isn't really happening...
  - o Of course, this video is about men and women, but it's also about two very real needs we all have.
- God meets both of these needs:
  - o 1) To be known, loved, and understood. **Hebrews 4:14-16**
  - o 2) To have our lives transformed for the better. **Romans 5:6-8, Romans 12:2** Born again!!
    - God loves you just the way you are vs God loves you right now.
- Example: Zacchaeus. **Luke 19:1-10**
  - o Zacchaeus was noticed, loved, understood – even when he was lost.
  - o Zacchaeus was transformed! No more exploiting others, instead he gave and made things right.
- Roadblocks:
  - o 1) Love the nail more than God. Believing a lie. Let me tell you, the nail is not your friend.
    - Men love the nail in their foreheads as much or more than women.
    - Zacchaeus loved money and loved power over others. Greedy exploiter no more!!!
  - o 2) Blaming God for the nail. Mad at God over the situation.
    - God is not your problem. Satan, sin, and the curse are your problem!!
      - Bad theology and the devil's scheme with Job.
      - Heaven will be when God is totally in control. Here the devil prowls and devours, sin brings death, and the curse brings painful toil.
        - o You have to fight and overcome these with God's help!!
    - God did not put the nail there. God doesn't want you to keep the nail. He is your healer, your deliverer, and your Savior!!
- Let's seek our peace with God: both to be known, understood, and loved by God as well as to be transformed, forgiven, set free, given new life! **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**
  - o I implore you, be reconciled to God. Open your heart to Him to be known, redeemed, and transformed!
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