

Sermon Notes

God's Secret Weapon Part 6

February 10th – February 11th, 2024

- **God's Secret Weapon:** God's Secret Weapon? His love for us all!!!
 - **Part 5: Our Divine Helper**
 - Let us keep in step with the Spirit. Religious ideas aren't enough, we need the Spirit!!
 - God loves us so much He gives us His Spirit to dwell within us!! That's a big deal!!!
- **Part 6: Walking in Truth**
- Keeping in step with the Spirit isn't everything, we must also walk in truth. **John 4:21-24**
 - The Father seeks?? What does He seek? Worshippers who walk in both the Spirit and the truth.
 - Religious traditions tend to lean one way or the other. That's not what God wants.
 - Our culture is much less interested in truth than it used to be.
 - I think logic and critical reasoning should be taught in middle school...
 - If you need a filter to look like you...you're measuring yourself by a lie you can't live up to.
 - Sadly, from what I've seen, the Christian world has led in:
 - Cancel Culture. That was big decades ago. Being offended and boycotting stuff.
 - False Narratives. **2 Timothy 4:1-5**. I saw my share of that as well.
 - Let's lead by worshipping God in Spirit and in truth!!
- As followers of Jesus we know we are supposed to reject lies and live by the truth.
 - This is back in the 10 Commandments. **Exodus 20:16**
 - But, it's more than just don't "technically" lie. It's be a person of truth. Honest. Real. Transparent.
 - Don't play games with truth. Jesus sees through all of that. **Matthew 5:33-37**
 - I was surprised at the way Christians lied when I was a new believer...technicality stuff.
 - There are no technicalities or loopholes in following Jesus. Be a person of truth.
- But why do people lie??
 - Lots of reasons. To get out of trouble. To fit in. Social proof. External pressure. Fear. Protection. Insecurity. They actually believe a lie. Don't see any other way. Can't see the truth anymore...
 - There are factual lies, heart/emotional lies, and spiritual lies.
 - People tend to tell factual lies, but believe heart and spiritual lies.
 - Ex: The dog ate my homework...I could never get it right anyway.
 - Sorting all that out is beyond what we are doing today...but you can tell if you are caught up. Now:
- Step into the truth!
 - Lies are not your friend. They are sinking sand. If you build your house on them it will crash.
 - God's love for you means you don't have to lie. Not to Him or to yourself, ever.
 - Now, some people aren't safe, so have some wisdom. **Matthew 7:6**
 - But hey, find some good people to help you.
- 3 Steps in stepping into the truth:
 - 1) Step into the light! **John 3:16-21**
 - Stepping into the light takes courage and faith. But it is the first step into freedom!
 - Be honest with God and with yourself. What happened? What was your involvement? What do you need healing from? What do you need forgiveness for? Etc Etc.
 - 2) Let the love of God redeem!
 - Your story is your story. Don't deny it, but don't let it control your future. **1 Tim 1:15-16**
 - Paul the Apostle is a great example. His faults were plain to see...but they were redeemed!
 - 3) Flip the script! **Ephesians 4:22-25**
 - So, let's do it. Let's trust God enough to step into a life of truth.
 - I remember when I quit speeding. Flashing lights behind me look different now.
 - There is a freedom that comes from building your life on truth rather than lies.
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