



Lesson 33: Victory, Sin, and God is silent

Look back over Mark 10:42-45, and John 13:3-20 from yesterday to remind yourself of what servant leadership looks like.

Read 1 Peter 3:7. Why are husbands to act in an understanding way, showing honor to their wives? What does this tell you about the responsibility God places on husbands in their role as husbands?

Read Galatians 1:6-9. What does Paul say the consequence for those who preach a false Gospel will be? Why is the consequence such a harsh one?

Recall the qualifications we discussed for those in authority from day 30. Re-read 1 Timothy 3:13-17. When we are not in a right place with God, can we truly shepherd God's people effectively?

Read James 4:1-10. What are possible causes listed here for God saying "no" or not answering our prayers? James gives very specific instructions here on what we need to do to be in right standing with God in verses 7-10. Make a list of those things. (Notice, James is calling us to come out of the glee of our sin, to a right understanding of our sin and God's holiness. He's not saying laughter is bad.)

Today, as you spend time in prayer with Him, I would gently suggest that you ask Him to help you to follow His leading, whether His answer to a specific prayer is "yes" "no" or "not right now". Remember, suffering will come. Read Philippians 1:6 and take heart, knowing that He began the good work in you and He will bring it to completion.