



❖ MESSAGE NOTES

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS: Dealing With Disappointment - Week 2

Last week, in part one of this message, we talked about the top two causes of chronic disappointment in life. We said they are:

- 1) Unrealistic Expectations/Arrogance
- 2) Pessimism/Lack of Faith.

We said, if we can avoid these big two errors in judgment, we will avoid A LOT of disappointment in life.

We also said, SOME INITIAL disappointment is just a part of human life that we can't always avoid, even if we do everything right. Life does tend to give us lemons but we can still make lemonade.

Today, we are going to talk about two big ideas that will help us deal with and conquer disappointment.

BIG IDEA #1: God Is Sovereign Over Everything In His Universe!

The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all. ~ Psalm 103:19

Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps. ~ Psalm 135:6

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." ~ Isaiah 55:8-11

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ~ Romans 8:28

BIG IDEA 2: With God, Timing Is Everything.

*So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
~ Galatians 4:3-5*

When the fullness of the time came ...

Paul is saying With God, Timing Is Everything.

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"When the fullness of the time came" - The sum total, the fullness, the ripeness or the superabundance.

... I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. ~ Philippians 4:11b-13

