



Handout September 29, 2023

## Don't Grow Weary

### Galatians 6:7-10

Welcome back and here we go!

I want you to know --- I get 'being tired', I get 'low energy', I get 'over thinking'. I get how easy it is to become discouraged. But, tonight, I want to encourage you --- DON'T GIVE UP. Don't give up on relationships, on people, on yourself, and certainly, don't give up on God!

Last week we talked about SECRETS, the withholding of information. The problem is --- our big SECRETS are common knowledge to God!

***Galatians 6:7-10*** <sup>7</sup>*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.* <sup>8</sup>*For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.* <sup>9</sup>*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.* <sup>10</sup>*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.'*

1) Life can \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_!

The struggle is between doing what is right and doing what is wrong, especially when wrong can feel so right (or maybe just as good). But God's Word is clear:

2) God will not be \_\_\_\_\_!

I think it is interesting --- Paul ties being tired from doing the right thing with doing the wrong things and then, missing out on our blessings, and lastly, caring of each other.

Let me tell you --- having a church is tiring sometimes, much like your own life.

Relationships, responsibilities, feelings of inadequacies, of doing the wrong thing, not being appreciated.....

All of these things can lead to wrong thinking and then wrong words or actions.

And what about your life?

- How many of you have family disputes? With kids, partners, parents? Yet we are supposed to be their examples.
- How many of you have health issues? Things that make it hard to do the things you would like?
- Or, maybe, you have been disappointed by friends, or lack of friends.
- Or work --- neighbors --- ex's!

You are supposed to "**do good**" and be the example. You are still supposed to be the kind person. How do you balance these things without mocking God or giving up on God? Without **growing weary**?

First, we need boundaries. We can do the right thing while protecting ourselves. Sometimes, doing the right thing means letting a relationship go.

Sometimes doing the right thing is very hard and sometimes we may not even know what that is.

We do know however that we will **reap what we sow**.

If we sow bad decisions in relationships, finances, professionally.... It will catch up to us. Don't choose short-cuts.

**Hebrews 12:3-4** *'For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.'*

3) \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in \_\_\_\_\_ and remember  
\_\_\_\_\_ work on the \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus died for you to have freedom.

If we don't immerse ourselves in scripture, we can find ourselves back in the place of being weary. Resist the urge to make poor choices, to feel better emotionally in the immediate. Suffering can lead to healing...

Have you experienced loss these last few years? I think we all have, some more than others. Do not let loss be the reason to give up.

**Hebrews 12:12-13** *'Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.'*

4) God will \_\_\_\_\_ you in due \_\_\_\_\_.

I guess if I was in charge of "DUE TIME", it would be "DUE" TODAY! Or maybe yesterday!

So, what is a person to do?

Tonight, as we enjoy fellowship, I want to admit, there are times I have been weary. In your life, are you weary?

- Acknowledging it is the first step.
- Next, I need to see if it has led to poor choices, shortcuts, bad attitudes. God is not "mocked".
- Then, I need to confess that to God.
- Lastly, I need to change behaviors.

Ask yourself...

- 5) - What can I \_\_\_\_\_?  
- Who can I \_\_\_\_\_?

**Matthew 5:16, Galatians 6:10**

Living a life of joy is reflected in how I treat myself and how I treat others.

6) When \_\_\_\_\_ at my best, \_\_\_\_\_ is reflected best.