

CURRENT SERIES

Trust Issues: When God Doesn't Make Sense

Life doesn't always go the way we expect, and we pray to God for help and guidance. But sometimes it seems like even though we pray with faith, God doesn't do what we've asked. We seek Him, but don't feel His presence. We go through pain, but our cries for relief seem to go unanswered. Sometimes, our lives just don't make sense.

MESSAGE NOTES

When God Seems Inattentive

Mark 6:14-29; Matthew 11:1-6 | Pastor Matthew Starner

Just because God is _____ doesn't mean God is

_____.

Mark 6:17-20 NLT: For Herod had sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favor to Herodias. She had been his brother Philip's wife, but Herod had married her. ¹⁸ John had been telling Herod, "It is against God's law for you to marry your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias bore a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But without Herod's approval she was powerless, ²⁰ for Herod respected John; and knowing that he was a good and holy man, he protected him. Herod was greatly disturbed whenever he talked with John, but even so, he liked to listen to him.

Matthew 11:2-3 NLT: John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, ³ "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?"

Mark 6:26-28 NLT: Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn't refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent

an executioner to the prison to cut off John's head and bring it to him. The soldier beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a tray, and gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother.

John's _____ was fulfilled.

More importantly, God's _____ was fulfilled.

God's _____ came to pass, but not as John had planned.

Proverbs 19:21 NLT: You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail.

You don't have to understand why things are happening the way they are to trust _____.

We do not interpret the goodness of God through our _____ . We interpret our _____ through the goodness of God.

TALK IT OVER

These discussion questions can help you take today's sermon and help you apply it to your life or find your next steps. Use these questions with your family, with friends, or in your own personal devotion time.

1. Why do you think God doesn't always intervene when we think He should?
2. Read the story of John the Baptist (Mark 6:17-19, 26-28). Do you think the desires of John were ultimately fulfilled by Jesus? Why or why not?
3. Share a story about when God was silent in your life. How did it turn out?
4. Have difficult situations in your life changed your view of God? If so, how?
5. If you were certain that God would use the hard thing you are facing for good, how would that change your perspective?

THIS WEEK IN THE BIBLE

Take today's message beyond Sunday and into the rest of your week. Read and reflect on these verses alone, with your family, or with a friend. Talk about how they apply to your life today or what God might be teaching you through His Word.

Sunday	Mark 6:17-19, 26-28
Monday	Psalm 46:10
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:8-9
Wednesday	Proverbs 3:5-6
Thursday	1 Corinthians 13:12
Friday	Psalm 28:7
Saturday	Romans 15:13

ONLINE NOTES

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