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Sermon – Get on Board the Right Boat (Thy Will Be Done Series)

Scripture – Jonah 1-4

Main Message – The motives for telling God “NO” are personal, but one must ask, Do you really think God isn’t going to get His Will to be Done? Get on Board

Different from an excuse is the very direct response of saying, “NO,” to God. That sounds ridiculous but the human condition is that we do it all the time. I’m not God, so I’m not certain what HE thinks, but I can deal with an outright ‘NO’ much easier than I can deal with an excuse. Where an excuse is fuzzy and unclear, which is why folks use it more often, a ‘No’ might be perceived as rude. I SEE IT THE EXACT OPPOSITE. No means we can have a clear finish and life can move on clearly. An excuse continues to morph into something that has a life of its own that can’t be corralled in. You can tell me No and I’ll just have to deal with it.

I’m not God. HOW many times do you tell God NO. Well, anytime there is an opportunity to serve his Kingdom and you don’t. The Excuse you give means No ultimately. The NO you give means God’s Will is going to happen anyway. This is yet another way we all play God.

A great example we are all familiar with is the Story of Jonah. Here is a guy that said “no” to God and put it into action. That is commitment. I respect Jonah as being unwaveringly honest and committed to his own course.

Read the book of Jonah

Jonah had one job to do. He knew God’s heart and mercy. Jonah wanted what he wanted and not what God wanted. God got what he wanted anyway. The book of Jonah isn’t a story of a lifetime of prophecy, service, commitment. He was in the Belly of the Fish for 3 days as a symbol of Jesus going into the grave. He basically walks in to Ninevah and says your all going to die and his job was done.

So maybe he continued to serve God, who knows because we have no other testimony. Maybe if He had said Yes instead of No things would be different. This message is for those who tell God no from the least little thing to the greatest.

God is going to see HIS plan done.

God is going to use the incorrigible anyway.

Don’t tell God no, or you might go through hell, or a belly of a fish.

Start saying YES to God, for your sake, because he is merciful beyond measure and you can have Kingdom worthy stuff to do.