

Under New Management Week 4

Overview

This sermon explores living under Jesus' lordship by loving God and others, staying faithful through challenges, embracing accountability, and using God-given gifts to fulfill His purpose.

Key Scriptures

- **Matthew 22:37-40:** Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind; love your neighbor as yourself.
- **Romans 8:28:** God works all things for good for those who love Him and are called to His purpose.
- **Philippians 1:6:** God will complete the good work He began in you.
- **1 Samuel 15:17-20:** Saul's disobedience due to insecurity and people-pleasing.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17:** In Christ, you are a new creation; the old is gone.
- **Jeremiah 1:4-5:** God knew and consecrated you before you were born.
- **James 5:16:** Confess sins to one another for healing and accountability.
- **2 Timothy 1:6-7:** Fan into flame the gift of God, given through the Spirit.
- **1 Corinthians 12:4-11:** The Holy Spirit gives diverse gifts for the common good.
- **1 Peter 4:10-11:** Use your gifts to serve others, glorifying God.

Main Points

1. **Jesus' Lordship and Purpose:**
 - God's will is to love Him and others (including yourself) fully (Matt. 22:37-40).
 - Challenges test your faithfulness to God's lordship (Rom. 8:28, Phil. 1:6).
2. **Overcoming the Enemy's Lies:**
 - The enemy uses insecurity and past identity to sabotage your purpose (1 Sam. 15:17-20).
 - Believe God's truth about who you are (Jer. 1:4-5, 2 Cor. 5:17).
3. **Accountability:**
 - Accountability requires vulnerability and community (James 5:16).
 - Surround yourself with 3-5 people who know and love God, know and love you, and have your best interests in mind.
 - Inactivity in addressing struggles shows a lack of accountability (Prov. 12:15).
4. **Using Your Gifts:**
 - The Holy Spirit equips you with gifts to serve others (1 Cor. 12:4-11, 2 Tim. 1:6-7).

- Use your gifts despite circumstances to glorify God (1 Peter 4:10-11).
- Practical steps: Take personality, spiritual gifts, and love language assessments (freedomdl.com/test) and join a serve team for community and growth.

Practical Applications

- **Reflect:** Are you believing the enemy's lies (e.g., "I'm not good enough") or God's truth about your identity and purpose?
- **Act:** Identify one area where you need accountability. Share it with a trusted person or group.
- **Engage:** Take the assessments at freedomdl.com/test to discover your gifts and personality. Join a serve team to use your gifts.
- **Pray:** Ask God to help you stay faithful under His lordship, even in tough times, and to guide you in using your gifts.

Discussion Questions

1. What lies from the enemy are holding you back from God's purpose?
2. Who in your life can hold you accountable to God's standards?
3. How can you use your spiritual gifts to serve others, even in difficult circumstances?
4. What steps can you take to deepen your relationship with God beyond devotion (e.g., church attendance, Bible reading)?

Prayer

Lord, help me love You and others fully, stay faithful under Your lordship, and use the gifts You've given me to glorify You. Surround me with people who hold me accountable and guide me to walk in Your purpose. Amen.