

Sermon Overview CEFC
February 5, 2023

Title: God's Purpose for our Powerlessness

Passage Ephesians 3:1-13

Introduction

Question: How can we avoid DISCOURAGEMENT when we are POWERLESS in the face of IMPOSSIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES

Main Point: God wants us to EMBRACE His PURPOSE for our POWERLESSNESS

Discovering God's Purpose for our Powerlessness

We should see OUR LIVES through God's CALLING and NOT through our CIRCUMSTANCES

Principle: We should NEVER ALLOW our CIRCUMSTANCES to DEFINE us

Principle: God's POWER is most POWERFUL in our POWERLESSNESS

We should PERSIST in PURSUING God's PURPOSES REGARDLESS of our CIRCUMSTANCES

Principle: God will use our PERSISTANCE in IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS to CONFOUND the PRINCIPALITIES and POWERS

Principle: Our PERSISTANCE is our PROCLAMATION

CONCLUSION

Communion

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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1. Think of a time when you faced a set of impossible circumstances. What were some of the feelings you experienced? What did your walk with God look like over your journey through those circumstances? How could it have been better?
2. Paul had the decision to see himself either as a prisoner of Rome or a prisoner of Christ. He chose Christ. Why do you think He was able to see past his immediate circumstances to God's call on His life? What can you learn from Paul and apply?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10. What is a circumstance in your life where God might be saying to you, "My grace is sufficient"? What can you do this week to lean into His grace and receive His power?
4. How does knowing that there is a spiritual battle going on behind your impossible circumstances change the way you see them?
5. What are some ways we punt rather than persist when faced with impossible circumstances?
6. What do you think God wants to proclaim through your impossible circumstances to the principalities and powers that are behind them. How can you cooperate with Him.