

Enough: Part 6- Now What?

Colossians 4:2-18

I. ME

- A. Welcome/Online/So, What About...?
- B. Part 6 (Epilogue of Movie)
- C. Enough ?'s
- D. Review
 - 1. Jesus is enough for a full life
 - 2. We can trust Him b/c of who He is
 - 3. In Jesus, we know and have enough to change lives
 - 4. Jesus is enough for true freedom
 - 5. Jesus is enough for a new identity
 - a. Be You. In Christ. Allow Jesus to transform you daily into who you were originally created to be.

II. WE

- A. Now What?
 - 1. Most religions/churches... That would be it.
 - a. "Now go and study and get smarter and be nicer."
 - b. It's all about improving **YOU**
 - 2. Human religion is selfish- makes you feel better but really does nothing for anyone else.
 - a. Super religious people that are the worst to be around.
 - b. Religion is easy b/c it is internally focused and selfish
 - c. But is ultimately hollow and useless
 - 3. Following Jesus, however, makes your life better and you better at life...
 - a. But it is much more demanding b/c it's externally focused and selfless.

- 4. Andy- Xianity focuses on the YOU next to you.
 - a. Forgiven to forgive
 - b. Served to be able to serve
 - c. Loved to love
 - d. Saved to save
 - e. Rules aren't for making you less bad... but examples of how to be FOR others.

5. 2 Greatest Commandments

- a. Love God and Love others... nothing about making yourself better.
- B. An outward focused life is a fulfilling life...
 - 1. Examples...
 - a. Marriage
 - b. Family
 - c. Work
 - d. Friends
 - C. Jesus is enough to...
 - 1. Free you from having to focus on yourself
 - 2. Transform your identity completely
 - 3. And empower you to live an outward focused life...
 - 4. To have a full, rich life...

- D. But you have to be willing to use it

E. Jesus is enough for a full life... but we have to be willing to live it.

- F. Paul- Prison/Colossians

- G. So now what? We know all of this what do we do?
 - 1. **Be willing**

III. GOD (Colossians 4:2-18)

A. V. 2

1. Devote yourselves- Gritty determination not to give up.
 - a. There is a war... send your prayers into battle
 - b. **Everyday examples**... home life.
2. Watchful- 2 Connotations
 - a. Be aware of the time
 - 1) Jesus is coming back... don't know when. We have a limited amount of time to make a difference
 - b. Pay attention to what's going on around you
 - 1) Who needs prayer... Kids driving you crazy, neighbors fighting, co-worker seems down, feel a nudge to pray.
3. Thankful- Be thankful for what God has done for you and what he will do through your prayers.
4. **Who/What are YOU praying for?**
 1. What if every prayer was answered yes...?

5. **Be willing to pray selfless prayers**

- a. Not "God make them stop driving me crazy..."
 - b. "God show them you love them... show me how to see them the way you do." (psssst... they just might stop driving you crazy then too)
6. What did Paul pray for?

B. V. 3-4

1. "Pray that I get out so I can preach clearly."
2. Not just get out b/c he's uncomfortable... he was liked a caged tiger.
3. He's praying for opportunity to share the message
 - a. He's experienced it.
 - b. If you've experienced it you can share it.

4. **Be willing to pray for opportunities to share.**

5. But then you have to act on those prayers to share...
6. "2 hands working are better than 200 clasped in prayer"... what if those 200 prayed selfless prayers and prayed for opportunity and then got to work?
7. **Great way to share is to be baptized.**
8. Next part why many of you/friends/family have rejected Xianity and the church...

C. V. 5-6

1. Most people who have rejected the message of Jesus have not rejected b/c of the message or b/c of Jesus, but b/c of the messengers.
 - a. Judgmental/condemning
 - b. Talking about what they are against- picketing
 - c. Arguments- Science/Politics
 - d. Hypocrisy- Saying one thing treating others another
 - e. Speaking in a foreign language- Christianeze.
2. No wonder the church is so resistible... they don't see any wisdom in those claiming to be Xians.
3. Jesus-followers are ambassadors of Jesus... so act like Jesus.
 - a. Gracious, not-condemning, loving...
 - b. People who were nothing like Jesus really liked Jesus.
4. But to be wise toward outsiders... you have to know some.
 - a. Why Crosscreek is **SIMPLE**
 - b. Be willing to interact with people who aren't like you.**
5. "Conversation full of grace and seasoned with salt."
 - a. Grace- not arguing. Not yelling. **Not easily offended.** Kind. Warm. Gracious. Forgiving, Listening.
 - b. Salt- Attractive, Fun, FOR them, no agenda. Be you.
 - c. Food without salt?

6. Why we created this service the way it is...
 - a. Salty- Fun, not threatening, belong even if you don't believe.
 - b. You can talk about Jesus and still be normal.
 - c. What you see here... you can do out there.
7. I get it, but still who am I? I'm no pastor, I just do my job and barely have enough time to interact with my family... etc.
 - a. I'm just...

D. V. 7-18

1. A group of ordinary people who did extraordinary things... literally changed the world.
 - a. Tychicus- Paul's designee
 - b. Onesimus- Slave... Philemon
 - c. Aristarchus- Traveling companion and prisoner
 - d. Mark- Gospel writer, Peter's companion
 - e. Jesus Justus- Common dude, Common name.
 - f. Luke- Gospel of Luke and Acts
2. Eclectic group of people changed the world b/c they were willing to work together.
3. They realized... **we are better together.**
 - a. Ordinary individuals can do extraordinary things when they work together toward a common goal.

4. **Be willing to be better together.**

- a. Connect Groups

E. Summary:

1. Jesus is enough... you just have to be willing.
2. **God uses the willing ordinary to do the unthinkable extraordinary**
 - a. **Example:** 5 guys-Red Cross/Underground RR/WW2

3. **Be willing to use your ordinary for the extraordinary.**

IV. YOU

- A. Jesus is enough for a full, rich life... are you willing to live it?
- B. Xian
 1. Have you been a Jesus-Follower but not seen much of a difference or have become bored with your experience?
 2. How willing have you been to step out and make a difference?
- C. Be willing to pray and act.
 1. **1 Person to pray for**
 2. **1 act to show them you are FOR them**
 3. **1 Service Team**
 4. Pray for the team/common goal- Crosscreek
 - a. People to be reached
 - b. Money
 - c. Pray then act
- D. Not yet Xian
 1. You can also pray and act.
 2. Try it.
 3. Ask God to reveal truth to you and then read a whole book of the Bible (1 of Gospels)... what did you disagree with what resonated?
 4. In fact, if you were here for this series... you already read of book of the Bible...
 5. What else are you willing to do?
 - a. What is your Next Step?
 - b. Join a service team?
 - c. Come back next week? Or come physically?
 - d. Volunteer.

V. WE

- A. Jesus is enough.
- B. Paul has proven it... so what's next?
- C. What if we were all willing to work together to do something extraordinary?
 1. To truly believe that Jesus is enough to not only transform our lives but the lives of our family, friends, and neighbors?
 2. And then we were willing to act on that belief and actually show them that we are For Them?
 3. Something extraordinary could happen... BECAUSE...

**D. Jesus is enough to use your ordinary for the extraordinary...
be willing.**