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Sermon Title: EXPECT MORE

Why keep struggling? Just because you don't see a way... doesn't mean God does not have a way.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 6 v 14 - 18

Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughter, says the Lord Almighty."

Ecc 8 v 5 NIV) Whoever obeys His command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure.

Proverbs 4 v 20-24 We add value to our/others' lives when we:

- A. Attend/obey/do God's Word.
- B. Submit to His commands/sayings.
- C. Keep them in our hearts (Live them), keep corrupt talk from your lips (See 1 Thes 5 v 11).

1. **Remember the higher purpose** 1 Tim 4 v 12

Timothy was quite capable of setting an example for others even though he was young. Likewise you are capable of setting a life changing example for someone else - regardless of your personal struggles, family background... your level of Christian education... your past... or your ability to see yourself as a role model... (Phil 3 v 8 -14)

2. **Words mean even less**

"Preach the Gospel at all times --- use words if necessary."

Words certainly have their place in a believer's life.

The right words at the right time - can change lives. But words must be accompanied by loving actions and concerns. Jesus set the example - He involved Himself in the lives of others - He demonstrated His love through compassionate interaction.

3. **The Glory goes to God** - Acts Chapter 3

Celebrity is a powerful draw - Peter saw something in the crowd's eyes that made him uncomfortable (Hero worship) - v 12 - Peter wanted to make sure God gets the credit (Glory).

Jer 29:11-12

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. (NKJV)