

The Death of Disappointment

Intro:

Num 23:18-24

When God makes a promise He means it! (Gen 15:1-21)

But we don't trust God because we think He is like us...He is not (trust fall)

Problem:

1 cor 16:4-9

Paul's plans changed...

He defends himself against what is obviously a disappointed Corinthian church by reminding them not to hold him to a standard meant for God alone...whose plans are never changed and never thwarted, whose promises are sure and reliable and good, who has established them and given them stability even in uncertainty.

Main Idea:

Even with the best of intentions

Our plans will fail

But it is not our plans that matter

Implication:

Amen means let it be so...it is the death of disappointment

We are standing on the promises of God - He is our sovereign omnipotent yes...AND He is good, He is for you. What more could He do to prove it? He has established us and anointed us through the death and resurrection of His Son. He has given us His Spirit as a guarantee

Application:

Instead of seeing reciprocity from every relationship, certainty in every circumstance...Let us press on to know our sovereign Savior...Let us press on to know this Christ

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/disappointment-with-God.html>

<https://www.crosswalk.com/slideshows/10-things-to-do-when-your-church-disappoints-you.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/four-ways-to-love-a-disappointing-church>

<https://www.namb.net/church-replanting/resource/when-you-disappoint-others/>

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Text:

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2Corinthians 1:12 ¶ For our boast is this, **the testimony of our conscience**, that **we behaved in** the world with **simplicity and godly sincerity**, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God, and supremely so toward you.

2Corinthians 1:13 For we are not writing to you anything other than what you read and understand and I hope you will fully understand—

2Corinthians 1:14 just as you did partially understand us—that **on the day of our Lord Jesus you will boast of us as we will boast of you.**

mk 12:38-44 (pretense vs truth- Ravi - John Owen said pointedly, "A minister may fill his pews, his communion roll, the mouths of the public, but what that minister is on his knees in secret before God Almighty, that he is and no more"

1 thess 2:19-20 (Paul loved not to get credit from them but from God - hidden prayer etc)

1 cor 4:2-5 (one day they would know it - one day we will know)

Our plans will fail

2Corinthians 1:15 ¶ Because **I was sure of this, I wanted** to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace.

2Corinthians 1:16 **I wanted** to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea.

2Corinthians 1:17 **Was I vacillating when I wanted** to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time?

2Corinthians 1:18 As surely as God is faithful, **our word to you has not been Yes and No.**

matt 5:33-37 (in general we are to keep our words but this is a truism...)

James 4:11-17; 5:12 (we are not God - we will disappoint each other - we are not politicians- especially with each other- vulnerability - people said meanest things - not fake -trade in commodity of grace not justice)

1 cor 13:4-9, 12 (love thinks the best about one another when we don't see it...yet)

acts 16:6-10; (this looks different from how we want to be led - we want certainty...)

acts 18:1-11 (yet this is how he came to Corinth - and yet he brought them a message of certainty - how can uncertain unreliable people bring a certain message?)

But it is not our plans that matter

2Corinthians 1:19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, **whom we proclaimed among you**, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but **in him it is always Yes.**

2Corinthians 1:20 For **all the promises of God find their Yes in him.** That is why it is through him that **we utter our Amen (let it be so) to God for his glory.**

2Corinthians 1:21 And **it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us,**

2Corinthians 1:22 and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

2 sam 7 (it is God alone who establishes - we utter our amen to God - "let it be so")

Lk 22:42 (even when it is hard - this is not passivity. It is not resignation. It is something radical on display)

Phil 4:10-13 (our amen to God...is the death of disappointment)

rom 8:28-32 (He is sovereign AND He is good, He is for you. What more could He do to prove it? He has established us and anointed us through the death of His Son. He has given us His Spirit as a guarantee)

eph 1:3-23 (not a deed of opportunity but planned and executed perfectly - oh that we would know what this means how stable this ought to make us)

Hosea 6:1-3 (instead of seeking reciprocity from every relationship, instead pf seeking certainty in every circumstance - let us press on to know our sovereign savior)

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