

Push & Pull: Embracing The Tensions of Our Faith

Week One: The Rhythm of BEING & DOING
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We are launching into a new 4 week series entitled "PUSH AND PULL", where we are going to unpack some of the tensions of our faith that we experience as Gods Men. Living in an upside down Kingdom where to be great we must become nothing, where the way up is down and where we must balance other seemingly opposite rhythms. Along the way we'll discuss the Rhythms of Being & Doing, Following & Leading, Staying & Going and the balance of Yes and No. We begin today with the Rhythm of BEING & DOING.

Our "cancel-culture" of subjective truth is reminiscent of the days of the Judges. ***"In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes."*** Judges 21:25

Times are challenging and confusing but EXCITING and as God's Men, who desire to live for Jesus Christ in the spaces and places He's placed us we must decide _____....and _____.

Truly EVERYTHING in your life and mine HINGES on us _____.

Matthew 3:17 "And a voice from heaven said, THIS IS MY SON.....WHOM I LOVE....WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASED."

"This is my son" conveyed Christ's _____.

Isaiah 43:1, John 1:12, Ephesians 1:5, 1 Peter 2:9

"Whom I Love" conveyed Christ's _____.

Romans 8:35-39, Zephaniah 3:17

"With whom I am well pleased, conveyed _____.

We are no longer living in a truth based reality.....but rather everyone is living out their own false-truths.....that we simply are _____.....FANTASY IS REALITY

"No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: ACT justly, to LOVE mercy, and to WALK humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8

The difficult truth is this - BEING WITHOUT DOING leads to....._____.

"Faith without works is dead." - James 2:17

"From the time of John the Baptist the Kingdom of God has been FORCEFULLY ADVANCING and FORCEFUL MEN LAY HOLD OF IT!" - Matthew 11:12

But.....DOING WITHOUT BEING LEADS TO _____.

The DISCIPLESHIP OF DOING AND BEING.

To be men who are so transformed by the time we spend WITH Jesus, that we cannot help but go out and act LIKE Jesus.

And as such - if we focus on BEING AND DOING....WE BECOME _____.

Philippians 2:13 says that "God is working in you, giving you the DESIRE and the POWER to do what pleases Him."

Our BEING flows out of our DOING.

Our BEING begins by prioritizing _____ EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.

We need to be WITH Him so much, that we start to look LIKE Him. (Acts 4:13)

Want to know what is most valuable to you and me? Look at your _____ and your _____.

For Discussion:

1. How do we navigate a POST-CHRISTIAN truth in LOVE? How do we combat lies, without becoming combative WITH PEOPLE? What truth must we grip to above all?
2. Is it difficult for you to see yourself as God sees you? (The SON, He LOVES, with whom He is WELL PLEASED)? How does the enemy try to lie to us about who we are, and what God's heart is for us?
3. Are you more tempted to fall out of balance towards BEING or DOING? What can be done to correct this tension, and live in the Rhythms of being AND doing as God's man?
4. What steps must you make TODAY to apply what the Lord is speaking to your heart? Who will you tell?