



Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 04/07/2024

Psalms 139:23-24 NLT

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

E. Stanley Jones

“Now the crux of the matter is just here: Can we realize God within us in such a way that no matter what happens on the outside we will be secure? If that can’t happen, we’re sunk. If it can happen, we’re not only unsunk, but unsinkable.”

Doing FOR God instead of Being WITH God.

Luke 10:38-42 NLT

As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, “Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.” But the Lord said to her, “My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Ignoring anger, sadness, and fear.

Denying the impact of the past on the present.

Dividing life into “sacred” and “secular” components.

Brennan Manning

“The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.”

1. I compare myself a lot to other people.
2. I often don't speak up to avoid disapproval of others.
3. People close to me would describe me as defensive and easily offended.
4. I'm not always the person I appear to be.
5. I struggle with taking risks because I could fail or look foolish.
6. My sense of worth/well-being comes from what I have (possessions), what I do (performance), or what others think of me (popularity).

Psalm 62:5-8 NLT

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me. O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

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