

Planted - Part 4
"Why we aren't Planted..."
July 13-14th, 2019 (Pre-Record Message)

Intro:

- **HFH OFFERING - Offering Envelope in Hand.**
 - You've heard us talking about it, I know you've been praying about it!
 - Together, we can make a difference & impact that none of us could make on our own!!!

- **Last Week: IMPACTING 100'S of Pastors in Kenya, Africa!**
 - **Serve Day - Hundreds of us out serving our cities!**
 - **Building out Cape Coral, - Now 1 of the fastest growing cities in USA!**
 - We are launching in the smack dab middle!!!
 - **Collide Conference - Several Hundred teenagers had an Encounter w/ God!**

- **B/c you Sacrifice, Live Wisely Financially & Generously Steward your Finances we are able to make this kind of Kingdom Impact!!!**

PRAY - God speak to your kids: What can we do, what can we cut & what can we sacrifice to be a part of what You're doing through this House???

- **We are in this Planted Series, & wow, I love where God is taking us as a church!**
 - **We are a House, Body & Family! & God wants us Planted here as a Valuable Member of each of those!!!**
 - **TURN TO YOUR NEIGHBOR SAY: "YOU MATTER HERE!!!"**

Launch Verse: (read it aloud together...)

Psalm 92:12-13 "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

v. 14-15 "They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

- Wow! What a promise!!!

- But here's the thing... even though we have a promise like this for ourselves & our family, we still struggle, don't we???

- Why is that???

*** Being Planted in the House of the Lord is a SPIRITUAL BATTLE!!!**

- Satan doesn't want us to put down roots & prioritize being planted & so he WARS against us!!!

Ephesians 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

- IOW Church, this is a Serious War!

- When it comes to getting planted in the House of God & Family of God, we are not just wrestling against our own flesh (which is true) but we have to know that the powers of Hell do not want this to happen!!!

- This weekend, I want to talk about

5 Reasons why we don't get Planted:

1. We just don't know. (Ignorant)

A. ELT OFF-SITE - Realized there are so many in our church who just don't know that God wants us to be planted.

- New to faith -

- Only think like the world...

- That's okay, but God doesn't want us to stay that way!!!

B. When we know better, we can do better!

- KIDS ILL - PUTTING THE TOILET SEAT DOWN ILL.

C. MIP: So Many of us - this is the case! That's why we are teaching our way through this series this summer!

- We want you to know!!!

2 Corinthians 2:11 "...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices."

- God doesn't want us to be ignorant of Satan's devices!!!
- Turn to your neighbor: "Now we know..."

2. We get Disheartened.

A. Some of us have gotten: Burned or Burned Out.

- Either of these can cause us to Lose Heart!

B. *Slow down & pastor right here!*

1) Speak to Burned: I'm so sorry!

- I'm sorry someone broke your trust...
- I'm sorry someone let you down...

2) Speak to Burned Out: I'm sorry!

- In another church...
- In this church...

2 Corinthians 4:16 " Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."

- Paul is talking about his struggles & being imprisoned & how hopeless all of that has felt at times!

C. MIP: If that's you, I believe God is going to restore your hope in the Local Church again!

- Not b/c NLC is perfect, good heavens no, we will let you down, trust me!
- **But b/c God is good no matter how imperfect a church is!**

D. Our Hope is NOT in man, but in God alone!!!

- When we fix our eyes on Him, He renews our strength!!!

3. We have chosen not to. (Idle)

A. HAVING OUR CAR IN NEUTRAL AT A STOP LIGHT ILL.

- We don't realize it, we hit the gas & nothing happens!
- This can be dangerous b/c the cars behind us can actually run into us if they don't notice quick enough!!!

B. The Bible says that there are some people who know & haven't lost heart, but have just made a decision to be "idle."

I Thessalonians 5:14 " And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone."

B. Apparently, there were some in the church in Thessaloniki who had shifted into Neutral & were "idle" & Paul says, "Hey, warn those people that they gotta get moving or they are going to cause harm to the body!!!"

C. MIP: ? Is it possible that we've become "Idle?"

- It's okay, but we need you to get moving!!!
- ? Is it possible that if you don't get moving, God may move you?

D. MIP: God didn't put you in this House to just sit & be idle, He put you in this House to Move & be productive for the kingdom!!!

- We Need you. - You need you. - Lost people need you!
- Hurting people need you. - Teenagers need you.
- Broken people need you. - Young adults need you.
- Married couples need you. - We all need you!

E. Don't make us HONK at you!!!

"Look at the verse again... I want you to see something else..."

I Thessalonians 5:14 " And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone."

- If you're disheartened... let this message encourage you.
- If you're weak or don't know better, here's help!

4. We are Deceived.

A. The Bible makes it clear that some Christians don't get Planted b/c the devil has actually Blinded their eyes, IOW, they are deceived!!!

2 Corinthians 4:4 " The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

B. The thing about Deception is, we don't know when we are deceived!

C. 2 Deceptions we must be careful of:

1) We think we don't need to. (get planted)

- Some of us, the devil has actually convinced you that what I am saying about getting Planted in the House of God isn't true!
- *"He's just saying this for his own benefit..."*
- *"He's just saying this to control you..."*
- *"He's just saying this to boost attendance numbers..."*
- *"He has ulterior motives, you can't trust him..."*
- The whole time I'm talking the devil is throwing lies in your mind!!!

2) We think we are, when we really aren't.

- This is the scariest one for me!
- I fear that there are some Christian families who *actually* believe that they are raising their kids Planted in God's House when they aren't!!!
 - Just b/c we attend "every once in a while," or "when it's convenient" or "when we can," & we call this church our home, doesn't mean that it's transferring us or our kids!

- God wants His Word, His Spirit, His Church & His Kingdom to be the center of our existence!!!

D. MIP: ? Is it possible we are Deceived when it comes to Really being Planted in God's House?

"The final reason we don't get planted is..."

5. We are in Rebellion.

A. Some of us, we just don't want to... we have dug in our heels & decided, *"I ain't doing it!"* & there's no changing our mind!!!

- That's not okay! It's Pride!!!

- You need to know that God has some stern things to say to those who allow Rebellion to enter their hearts!!!

Proverbs 17:11 "Evil people are eager for rebellion, but they will be severely punished."

I Samuel 12:15 "But if you rebel against the Lord's commands and refuse to listen to him, then his hand will be as heavy upon you as it was upon your ancestors."

Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled against him and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he became their enemy and fought against them.

Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

B. The reason I share all those verses with you is b/c I believe for a few of us, God brought us here to warn us!

- If we continue to fold our arms & roll our eyes & run in & run out, it's gonna get ugly for us!

- God Loves us too much to leave us in the state we are in!!!

C. It's Pride to think we know better than God!

- The Bible makes it clear that Pride comes before destruction!!!

D. MIP: ?What's the remedy? Repent. Do a 180! Turn around!

Challenge:

Which one looks like you?

- 1. Don't know.**
- 2. Disheartened.**
- 3. Idle.**
- 4. Deceived.**
- 5. Rebellious.**

- God wants us Planted... let's throw off our excuses & get planted in the House of God.

- Some of us need to FORGIVE a previous church or leader, or even THIS church or us as Leaders!!!

PRAY