

Message Series: Let My People Go

Message Title: Keep your Darkness in the Light

Key Scripture:

Exodus 5:6–16 NIV

Other scriptures:

Proverbs 10:17 NLT

People who accept discipline are on the pathway to life, but those who ignore correction will go astray.

Lamentations 3:40 MSG

Let's take a good look at the way we're living and reorder our lives under God.

Romans 12:2 NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Theme:

Throughout this series we have been looking at the story of Moses and Pharaoh in Exodus. In the passage of scripture we so very easily see the dark side of Pharaoh come out. The mean side and the unkind part of his nature. But do we clock onto our Pharaoh moments as Christian? The dark side of self that can so easily be projected onto others? We all have personalities and we often see both the good and bad displayed from our traits. But how do we expose the traits that need dealing with and how do we play to the strengths of our personalities and ultimately reflect Jesus in every way.

Message Summary

In this message we explore some of the dark sides of our personalities and the behaviours that can be projected onto others. Do we find ourselves not noticing our dark sides, or are we aware, therefore we address them and deal with them

Are we open to correction from peers and family members about our character traits. Are we self reflective often – do we look in the mirror of our hearts and ask ourselves what drives our motives. And do we actively change – do we want to seek to become better and maybe assess the environments, people and past that could maybe add to our pharaoh traits.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

- Keeping one another accountable
- Building friendship that don't just always affirm you, but challenge your pharaoh traits
- Owning up to actions and wanting to put relationships right
- Being aware of your Pharaoh traits and not allowing them to be your default response

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

- Asking ourselves are we reflecting Christ in all we say and do
- Allowing God to steer and direct our life
- Asking God to allow the fruits of the spirit to dwell within us – especially when placed in challenging environments
- When we commit to reading the bible and praying, we will be transomed from the inside out

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

- Playing to the strengths of our personalities
- Being aware of strengths tipping over into weaknesses (pharaoh traits)
- Being open to correction and improvement
- Listening to trusted voices that call out the strengths within us

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

- Operating out of the fruits of the spirit
- Allowing God's love to shine through us when facing difficulties
- Sharing that we aren't perfect and not justifying our poor actions.
- Leading with transparency and honesty so an idea of a christian isn't painted as perfect, but sharing about our saviour who is

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

- Constantly laying down our dark sides and asking God to free us from them
- Allowing the Holy Spirit to constantly work through us and therefore change us
- Pressing into spirit rather than flesh
- Allowing God to constantly soften our hearts so we are open to transformation