

There is More to Come

Summary

This sermon explores spiritual maturity through John 16:12, where Jesus tells his disciples they cannot yet bear everything He has to tell them. The pastor emphasizes that God has more planned for each believer, but receiving these blessings often requires spiritual growth, perseverance, and preparation. Using the metaphor of dance (perichoresis), he describes how believers are invited into a dynamic relationship with God that becomes more complex and beautiful as they mature spiritually.

The message challenges believers to understand that God's 'not yet' responses aren't rejections but invitations to grow and prepare for greater things. The pastor uses personal examples, including his own journey to ministry, to illustrate how God gradually prepares us for our calling, emphasizing that spiritual growth occurs both in joyful times and through suffering.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Word, open our hearts and minds to understand Your timing in our lives. Help us discern between Your 'no' and Your 'not yet,' and give us the patience and wisdom to grow in spiritual maturity. Guide our discussion and help us support one another in our journey of faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's something you had to practice multiple times before you became good at it?

Key Verses

John 16:12

Romans 5:3-5

Proverbs 8:1-36

Questions

What's the difference between God saying 'no' and 'not yet' in your life? How can we tell the difference?

The pastor mentioned several reasons why we might not be ready for certain blessings. Which of these resonated most with you and why?

How has suffering or adversity contributed to your spiritual growth?

What spiritual disciplines do you need to develop to be ready for what God has next for you?

How does the dance metaphor (perichoresis) help you understand your relationship with God?

Share a time when you, like the rich young ruler, struggled to accept what God was asking of you.

What does it mean to you that we're always referred to as children in the Bible, never as adults?

How can we maintain patience and trust in God when His timing doesn't match our expectations?

Life Application

This week, identify one area where you sense God saying 'not yet' in your life. Instead of getting discouraged, create a specific plan to grow in that area through prayer, Bible study, or seeking guidance from mature believers.

Key Takeaways

God is never done talking to us - we choose to stop listening and growing

Spiritual growth requires active participation and preparation

God's 'not yet' is an invitation to grow, not a rejection

We grow through both joyful times and suffering

Our blessings are meant for building God's kingdom, not just personal benefit