

God's Timing

John 7:1-13

Context:

- Spent the past year in Galilee because of the mounting hatred from the Jewish authorities (John 5:18)
- It's been six months since the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand
- He's been about Galilee teaching and performing signs in smaller groups
- The Feast of Booths (Tabernacles) is now approaching

Challenge

- Possible motives for challenge:
 - Sarcasm
 - Curiosity
 - Best mode of ministry
 - Instant fame
- Root motivation: *Unbelief*
 - We challenge God when we don't believe him...we look for him to do bigger and more for us so we can be convinced...but we ask with the wrong motives.
 - Suggesting what God should (or even demanding) next in our lives is a sign of unbelief.
 - Proximity doesn't always indicate posture

Answer

The Savior perceives hearts (Mark 2:8 – healing the paralytic lowered through the roof; Luke 9:47 – knowing his disciples hearts about which one was the greatest among them).

Jesus says that his time has not yet come, but their time is now.

Opportunity of time, not a point in time

Right Time

- Option 1:
- Option 2:
- Option 3:

God's timing and our desires

Jesus eventually does exactly what his brothers challenged him to do, but in the Father's timing.

Wearing The Glasses of Desire

Getting on God's timetable:

Psalm 37:1-7

- Delight yourself in the Lord
- Know God's emphasis.
- ***Microwave vs. Oven*** –appreciate the purposeful process of God's timing in our lives.

Conclusion:

Drawing comfort from mystery: Isaiah 55:8-9

Remember the goal of God: Romans 1:16-17