

SERMON NOTES: April 27, 2025

Let It Go

Matthew 9:14-17

I. CLOSE but CONFUSED - 9:14

II. BLIND to the BRIDEGROOM - 9:15

“Then the disciples of John came to Him, asking, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast? And Jesus said to them,

“The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they?”

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III. STRUGGLING to SEW - 9:16

IV. NEEDING the NEW - 9:17

“But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results. Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

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Life Group Study Questions

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1. Have you ever been immobilized by what you were unwilling to let go? Explain

2. The disciples of John the Baptist could not understand why Jesus & His disciples did not fast? What had fasting come to represent to these people?

3. We are easily tempted to replace Christ as our confidence in salvation with someone else or some outward tradition/activity? How have you seen this in your own life?

4. How would you define inappropriate fasting? What about Christ's presence makes it impossible?

5. Jesus places Himself (the bridegroom/Messiah) at the center of the issue of fasting. He is the issue not the fasting. How is this true of other outward Christian activity? What is the danger if He isn't the issue?

6. Why can't any other system of righteousness contain or be added to Jesus. What is the result if we try?

7. The only way for us to be truly saved is to reject any form of works based religious activity and to embrace Jesus Christ alone. Why is this so hard to do?

8. Jesus Christ is the new wine and the new wine skin. He is completely other way of Salvation. What do you think of the statement, "Jesus plus nothing equals everything. Jesus plus anything equals nothing?" Do you believe this? Does your life show it?

9. What "old way" or means of justification do you need to let go of today? Acknowledge this and pray for one another.