Week #17

When Your Life Looks Different Than You Thought It Would - The Solution

As believers in Jesus, the way that we deal with problems should be so radically different than those who have no hope, that they wonder what is wrong with us. It's not about pretending that life is a bed of roses when it's not. It is about placing our hope in a sovereign, loving God (*Romans 15:13*).

Take a moment to reflect on how you felt about life before you married. How is that image different than your life today? If your expectations have not been met, how has it affected you? Are you angry? Has your anger made life more difficult for those around you? Are you perhaps depressed, hopeless, or withdrawing from God Himself?

We may not have control over how our lives turn out, but we always have the power to make the best of the life we have. We always have a choice to trust God with the circumstances of our lives. Consider the biblical examples of Job, David, and the Apostle Paul. Had they not chosen to trust God during times of distress, each would have missed out on the incredible, unimaginable blessings of God.

We can either survey the twists and turns of our lives and become angry, making ourselves and everyone around us more miserable, or we can accept the peace of God and look to Him to make something beautiful of our lives.

SO... the question becomes, since I am not slaying Goliath, or leading countless people to saving faith, or guiding God's chosen people into the promised land, how do I live my ordinary life in a manner that pleases God? The answer is to do the next right thing in front of you, yielding to God's will for your life. And every time this happens, hope will rise.

Next week - When an Idol Makes Three in Your Marriage - The Problem