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NORTH METRO CHURCH

NMC SERMON SERIES CONTENT



“After Amen” SERIES OVERVIEW:

Though none of us pray enough, we all pray some. We pour out our prayers, then say “amen.” And we wait. So what do we do while we are waiting for God to answer our prayers? This series offers a new way to help you connect with God and get answers while you wait. By exploring the ministry of Jesus, you will encounter a variety of people who come to Jesus in need but receive different responses. As you read, discover the powerful steps of faith you can take after saying “amen.”

**Adapted from “After Amen” by Rusty George*

"AFTER AMEN"

WEEK 4



Rusty's Main Points:

John 2:1-11

God is faithful not just while we wait, but while we work

Turn that prayer into..."God, I'd really like you to _____...but until then I'll keep _____."

Discussion Questions:

What are you currently praying for that is taking forever?

What assumptions do you make when God is silent?

Read John 2:1-11

What was the problem at the party and why was this a big deal?

What can Mary teach us about where to go and what to do when we have problems in verse 3?

What issues have you come against when you have attempted to solve your problems in your own strength and wisdom rather than seeking the wisdom of Jesus and His Word?

What is significant about Mary's response in verse 5?

What action step did Jesus command the servants to do in verse 7? What would you have said to Jesus when He said to fill the jars with water?

When did the miracle take place?

- A. When the request was made.
- B. When the first jar was filled.
- C. After the third jar was filled.
- D. When all the jars had been filled.

Why is it significant that Jesus performed a miracle after all the jars had been filled?

What can this teach us about what we can do after we have asked Jesus for help and while we wait on His help?

Rusty said that “God is not just faithful while we wait, but while we work” and Lysa TerKeurst, in her book *Unglued* says:

“Ultimately, the responsibility for winning this battle we’re facing doesn’t belong to us. We’re not responsible for figuring it all out. Our job is simply to be obedient to God in the midst of what we’re facing. God’s job is results. Obedience positions us in the flow of God’s power, working with God’s ways instead of against God’s ways. Are you overwhelmed with money issues? Look up verses on money and start applying God’s word to your bank account and your bills... Having marital problems? Look up biblical truths addressed to husband and wives and start applying them... Dealing with friendship troubles? Same thing.”

What prayers have you been asking God to answer? While you are waiting on God to answer your prayers, what work can you be doing?

How can you turn your prayers from “God, I’d really like you to _____” TO “God, I’d really like you to _____ but until then I’ll keep _____.”

Is there anyone you know who is currently working while they wait? How can you help them as they wait?

Looking back at this week’s teaching and study, is there one thing you’d especially like to remember this week?

What has been your biggest takeaway from this series?