

Sinful Obstacle



Who else was touched by last Sunday's powerful sermon, "A Sinful Obstacle"? The pastor preached how God can use you even if you are sinning and allowing that sin to be an obstacle between you and God. Sometimes, I feel like God is using me this way. Right before the service started last Sunday, I had written down the thought, "I am a sinner, not a saint."

But then I remember what Paul said in Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Everyone sins, but that won't stop God from using them. We need to leave those sins at the altar and not let them hinder God's plans.

The Bible is full of examples of God using someone who had sinned:

- Moses was a murderer.
- Noah was a drunk.
- Samson was a fornicator.
- David was an adulterer.
- Peter was a liar.
- Paul persecuted Christians.

A preacher at camp meeting said something that stuck with me. "Stop talking about what was prophesied to happen and start making it happen. You are waiting on God to fulfill the prophecy, and God is waiting on you. God is saying I have already told you it will happen; now make it happen." Then he said, "What if God needs to move you out of the way to have a revival?"

Although God may use us even when we are sinning, there are occasions when He desires us to step aside because our actions obstruct the fulfillment of what He has already promised.

Let us pray that our actions and decisions do not hinder God's plans for our church, community, and individual lives. Let us pray for guidance and wisdom to align ourselves with His will.

X Tweets:

1. **Romans 8:30 (KJV):** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. Your past doesn't define God's purpose for your life. Embrace His call! #Grace #Purpose
2. **1 John 1:9 (KJV):** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. No sin is too big for God's grace. We can always return to Him. #Forgiveness #Faith
3. **2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV):** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Embrace the new life Jesus offers, no matter the past! #NewBeginnings #FaithJourney
4. **Isaiah 41:10 (KJV):** Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Lean on His strength—it's always there for us! #StrengthInFaith #Encouragement