

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- June 4, 2015

“The Detours of God”

No driver enjoys having to take a detour, but usually there is a good reason for it. Similarly, oftentimes God prescribes detours in our lives especially as it pertains to our personal ambitions and goals. Without a doubt, this causes much concern and discomfort resulting with complaints and discouragement.

Delays and detours are part of the Christian life. And there is always a good divine reason for this. As humans, we see what's ahead but God sees the turns, the twists and what's around the corner. Whatever God changes – and it rocks our boats – it is always for our best interest. In fact, the trails and detours God permits prepare us for greater responsibility and blessing.

The children of Israel is a prime example. What started as a detour developed into a delay of 40 years before they actually entered into the Promised Land.

They were a nation of slaves who were carnal, fearful, selfish, complaining, critical, greedy, worldly and idolatrous. So for God to make them into a nation of responsible citizens - disciplined, courageous, industrious, law-abiding, God-fearing and spiritual – He prescribed detours in their lives in order to bless them.

This transformation required time and chastening and miraculous guidance. It wasn't fun but it was for Israel's ultimate good.

Now, ask yourself: What is that Divine Detour that I find myself in now? If you have prayed and prayed and nothing is happening, simply WAIT. God has a time to bring you out of your detour. Remember, He hasnot abandoned you. You are His child. He loves you! He cares for you! He wants no ill to befall you!

God was with Daniel in the lion's den! God was with the Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace! Even so, God is with you in the detours of life. Have faith in God.

Remember: GOD'S DELAYS does not mean DENIALS! ***This Sunday, my sermon is entitled, “Blessing Your Children With A Fruitful Life.”***

Have a blessed week!
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