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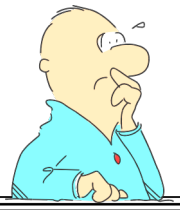

When God Seems Weird

How to Maintain Your Sanity in the Christian Life

1. Don't _____ (vv.1-4a)

2. Never _____ (vv.4b-13)

3. Be _____ (vv.14-23)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation.

1. It doesn't take long in the Christian life to realize that God's plans for us don't always make sense from our own perspective. The combination of God's transcendence and God's immanence will insure that there will be plenty of things that he does in our lives that will be difficult, if not impossible, to comprehend. But there are times (usually after the fact) when God shows us in some understandable way the "Divine logic" that led to the events that previously baffled us. Describe an experience in your Christian life when God led you down a path that didn't make much sense at the time, but later proved to demonstrate God's genius?

2. What is God leading you into at this point in your life that is in some way perplexing to you?

   What are some examples of "conventional wisdom" that tend to casts doubts on this thing that you sense God is calling you to do?

   It is important to be sure that it is God and his word that are guiding you into this and not your own personal agenda or desires. Assuming, that God's word affirms it (Ps.119:9-11), and godly advisers agree (Prov.24:5-6), write out a prayer that expresses your trust and confidence in God's will for your life regardless of how it squares with "conventional wisdom".

3. What current endeavors in your life (that may have been initially directed and prompted by God) do you need to be careful not to hold too tightly to?

4. What in your life are you currently waiting for that you sense is God's will but has yet to come to fruition? What biblical examples (besides David's long wait for Israel's throne) can you think of that inspire you to wait patiently for God's timing?