Intimacy

Part 4 - Arrival Pending

Intro/Review

Jesus sought out the lost & broken, not the good people

Status & sense of superiority will keep you from experiencing the grace & love of God

Jesus looks at enemies with compassion

God's compassion leads Him to enter our experience & suffering

Are We There Yet?

Romans 7:15-8:11

2 Sections: before & after
v.15-24 life w/o Jesus, in the flesh
trying to be morally good and failing
v.25 Jesus-salvation

8:1 Therefore, Now
KEY-v. 7 & 8 Flesh hostile
cannot, is not able to follow law or please
God
refers back to 7:15-24

v.10 Alive b/c of righteousness (given)
v.4 walk by the Spirit, not by flesh
Human effort – we try & do good but then blow it.
Peter: walks on water, then sinks

declares Messiah, then denies

v.16 mind set on flesh is death, mind set on Spirit is life

Application

What does mind set on Spirit mean?

-Daily connection-grace, mercy, communion & fellowship

Galatians 5:16-17 one will take care of the other

A focus on self-even being good-will be like death

Living in the Love, Grace, Mercy of Jesus pulls you out of yourself

The daily battle becomes; not "being good" today and living up to expectations

It's receiving what's given and releasing the pursuit of self.

Notice all the "I's" in Chapter 7 and the change in Chapter 8

Are you living a life of desperate attempts & failure (chapter 7)?

Live in the grace & life of chapter 8.