

Discovering and Confronting  
the Spiritual Roadblocks  
in our life.

ROAD  
BLOCKS

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### What would I ask Jesus if He were here today?

Answering this question might give you insight into your own roadblock ...

### What are Spiritual Roadblocks?

**Roadblock Warnings ::** *By not confronting our roadblocks ...*

- > We run the risk of entering into a season of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
- > Our potential effectiveness of sharing God's love with others is \_\_\_\_\_

**Roadblock #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

The idea of always planning on spending more time on \_\_\_\_\_ [FILL IN]  
but taking no action to get that accomplished!

The Cause > *The distraction of* \_\_\_\_\_

The Result > *This can lead us down the path toward ...*

The Cure > *Ruthlessly rid your life of "hurry" by ...*

What is a Spiritual Roadblock in your life?

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By sharing your personal & confidential road block with us, we can develop this teaching series with great clarity and stronger application!

### Encounter these verses today:

*circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side*

#### Listening and Doing (James 1:19-25, NIV)

<sup>19</sup>My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup>for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

<sup>21</sup>Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup>Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup>Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup>and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup>But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

#### Place Your Life Before God (Romans 12:1-2, MSG)

<sup>1-2</sup> So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

#### Digging Deeper this week ...

*If you would like to take today's teaching to the next level, then start digging! Ask yourself the following questions ...*

- 1) Have I ever encountered the roadblock of "good intentions" before?
- 2) How have I attempted to confront this roadblock in the past?

*Investigate the truths found in Ephesians 5:1-17 in your personal time.*

- 3) How can the practice of "slowing" enhance my "Christ-likeness" this week?
- 4) In what ways might the practice of "solitude" help me stay clear of the empty things of this world?
- 5) What can help me "fix my attention" on Christ this week?