

Southeast

CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WEEKEND MESSAGE NOTES

WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST

Southeast provides relational environments where you can find
Jesus, community, and purpose.

GET CONNECTED

God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a life group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, visit southeastcc.org or send an email to connect@southeastcc.org.

NEED PRAYER?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us after services to pray with someone at southeastcc.org. You may also submit a prayer request at southeastcc.org/prayer.

INDICTMENT - DAY 4

NOTES | 3.14.21

"God's silences, like His words, are intended to be redemptive. But we must learn how to interpret them. In fact, the Lord's refusal to speak may well say more to us than a direct word from Him, and say it more clearly and emphatically. If we learn to understand God's reasons for remaining quiet, we'll be able to receive the silence as part of His revelation to us."

PAUL THIGPEN

REASONS FOR GOD'S SILENCE

1. Silence of Judgment

1 Samuel 2:17 English Standard Version (ESV)

Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the Lord, for the men treated the offering of the Lord with contempt.

1 Samuel 3:1 | ESV

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

2. Silence of Mercy

Isaiah 53:7 | ESV

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Matthew 26:63 | ESV

But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."

3. Silence of Waiting

Isaiah 40:27–31 | ESV

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the Lord,

and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary,

and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

4. Silence of Testing

2 Chronicles 32:31 | ESV

And so in the matter of the envoys of the princes of Babylon, who had been sent to him to inquire about the sign that had been done in the land, God left him to himself, in order to test him and to know all that was in his heart.

John 6:52–69 | ESV

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

IMPLICATIONS

1. **God's agenda to redeem the world hasn't changed even when it seems like he is silent.**
2. **How we respond to God's silence reveals what we believe about him. Do we believe he's given us everything we need, or do we believe he's holding out on us?**
3. **We should sit in the mess with people rather than making matters worse by trying to solve or make sense of their situation.**
4. **When we are praying for God to give us something and he remains silent, God may be asking us to let go of that desire.**



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IMPLICATIONS

1. **Even if you don't feel like you can influence thousands, you still have a role in the Kingdom of God.**
2. **One reason Life Groups are so important is that they give everyone an opportunity to be heard.**
3. **We must be careful not to let our church traditions get in the way of God's work in the world.**
4. **Accepting God's forgiveness is critical to our success as disciples.**



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