



You Don't Get to Decide

Themes: God's will, Protection, Legalism

Beth thinks she knows what God's will is for Jack, Molly and Joey, but Bill tells her some things are more important than man's law.

Main Idea

We don't always know God's will in a situation. Sometimes doing the right thing morally means doing the wrong thing in the world's eyes.

Setup

Jack and Molly are going to flee with Joey to protect him from an abusive father, but Beth can only see the legal side of things. Her husband, however, knows the important thing is to save the child's life.

Scripture:

James 1:4-6

Romans 12:1-3

Romans 14:9-11

Sermon Notes:

Human nature longs to manipulate circumstances, to try to control situations to avoid pain, suffering or to exert power to bring about the outcome we desire. Often we find ourselves faced with choices – to intervene or stand by. Sometimes, even after praying, waiting, and seeking counsel, we aren't sure what to do. Beth is confident she knows the right thing to do – it's to keep her sister from breaking the law. Molly is desperate to protect her child and willing to break the law if she must. Both women are faced with a lack of trust – do they trust that God cares more for Joey than they do? And, that perhaps God's ways are even higher than the ways of the law? Answers don't always come easily and that's where our faith is tested.