

**Good News Series
Be A Blessing
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Opening

-Good News Series...

-When I say the word "bless" what comes to mind?

-I've got Good News for you today! God wants you to experience countless blessings in this life that He has waiting for you...so you can be a blessing to others!

>God wants to use your life to make others feel: seen, loved, heard, understood, cherished, celebrated, encouraged, accepted, and chosen.

-(show two video clips)

Introduction

-Genesis 12:1-3

-Galatians 3:26-29

>He is going to bless you so you can be a blessing to others!

-(story of Communion in Episcopal Church, Mr. Eddleton's hand of blessing)

-God's hand of blessing is on your head...

His Hand

-His hand of blessing never requires conniving behavior.

- Genesis 27:1-17 (Bible)
- being untrue to yourself
- being manipulative
- being deceptive
- (tell FNANB story)

>If the blessing you believe God wants you to have requires you to be conniving in any way, you are reaching for a blessing that is not coming from the hand of God!

-His hand of blessing is not dependent on our self-perception.

- 1 Samuel 16:4-13
- Gideon called “valiant warrior” (Judges 6)

Yet Gideon saw himself: my family is the least among Manasseh and I am the least among my family!

- Isaiah 53:1-3

>Even if you see yourself as unworthy, unlikely, mediocre, less than, unsuitable, improper, ignoble, and contemptible...God is going to bless your life so that you can be a blessing others!

-His hand of blessing ignores the objections others.

- Genesis 48:8-20 (Bible)
- God is showing Jacob what He would have done for him...
- It's time to mute what others have said about you...
- There is someone here who has a voice in their head saying, “No, not them.”

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>Genesis 41:50-52

>There is an Ephraim blessing over your life, over my life, over all our lives!

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