

# Blinded By Disappointments

One of the truths about life is that there are disappointments. And, these disappointments can make us lose our focus and put us in a spiritual funk. And, this becomes just a step away from discouragement and even giving up.



## Disappointments Come in Many Forms:

- The outcome of an election is not what you wanted
- A young and promising athlete suffers a career ending injury
- A favorite show is cancelled
- A store you really like closes
- A friend moves far away
- A job that you really wanted is filled by someone else
- Someone close to you does something wrong
- A couple you like divorces
- The vacation you planned and saved for became a flop
- A friend lets you down
- A person you invited to come to services refuses
- A Bible discussion that doesn't go well
- Congregation that splits over things that seem superficial
- The problems that have come from social distancing
- Elders who delay worshipping at the building because of safety reasons

### A. These disappointments blur our vision

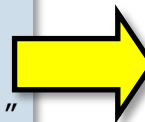
1. For some, it takes a \_\_\_\_\_ time to get over these things. Years later, some are still talking about these disappointments
2. Disappointments have a way of deflating us, stopping momentum, and creating the blues
3. Disappointments can lead to saying things that should not be said, becoming angry with others and mountains of finger pointing. The backseat driver always knows what should have been done.

### B. A Man who was Disappointed with Jesus (Mark 10:17-22)

1. This is a private conversation Jesus had with a man
  - Matthew tells us that he was young
  - Luke tells us that he was a ruler and extremely rich

Notice the commendable actions of this young ruler (all from vs. 17):

- He \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus
- He \_\_\_\_\_
- He \_\_\_\_\_
- He called Jesus "good \_\_\_\_\_"
- He \_\_\_\_\_
- His question was the \_\_\_\_\_ question



**His question revealed:**

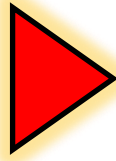
There was \_\_\_\_\_ to life than riches  
He knew Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the answer  
He understood that he had to \_\_\_\_\_ something  
He \_\_\_\_\_ in eternal life

### Four Things Jesus Does For This Man:

1. Jesus reveals who \_\_\_\_\_ is (18)
2. Jesus reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ to his question (19)
3. Jesus reveals what he \_\_\_\_\_ (21)
4. Jesus reveals how He \_\_\_\_\_ about him (21)

### C. The Man's Reaction to What Jesus Said (22)

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ fell (NAS)  
Footnote: He became gloomy  
CEB: "was dismayed"  
ESV: "Disheartened"
2. He went away \_\_\_\_\_ (NAS)  
ESV: "Sorrowful"
3. He disappointed the Lord by walking away



He was **Disappointed**

- He allowed this life to get in the way of the \_\_\_\_\_ life
- He couldn't love Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_ his heart
- He wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ all that Jesus said

### D. The Disappointments in Paul's Life

- forbidden to preach in Asia (Acts 16:6)
- considered scum of the earth and mistreated (1 Cor 4:11-13; 2 Cor 4:8-10)

### Disappointments of 2 Timothy 4

- Demas \_\_\_\_\_ me (10)
- Alexander did me much \_\_\_\_\_ (14)
- No one \_\_\_\_\_ me (16)

### How Do We Move Past Disappointments?

1. Realize life \_\_\_\_\_ on. You have obligations, expectations and things that God wants you to do
2. Many times our Plan "A" is \_\_\_\_\_ God's Plan "A". He has other things, even better things for us
3. Don't focus upon what you \_\_\_\_\_, but look at what you \_\_\_\_\_
4. Find ways to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and to strengthen your heart. Take ownership of your faith
5. Put things in \_\_\_\_\_. Look at the big picture.
6. Remember God \_\_\_\_\_ you
7. Don't become a \_\_\_\_\_. People become weary of hearing us tell our sad story over and over.
8. People are \_\_\_\_\_ counting on you and there is still much \_\_\_\_\_ you can do
9. Let \_\_\_\_\_ of the past and the pains of the past
10. Understand the Lord is good and that has \_\_\_\_\_ changed
11. The future is \_\_\_\_\_ if you walk with the Lord

