Busy Here and There

Ken Chapman · 1 Kings 20:38–43

INTRODUCTION

- Nathan the prophet wasn't the only sneaky prophet. We have an unnamed prophet in 1 Kings chapter 20 who confronts King Ahab.
- God says, you go attack the Syrians and destroy them. But instead, Ahab joins in a treaty with Ben Hadad, the king of Syria.
- You had your own agenda, … and then when God told you something, you were distracted by your own wants and wishes and forgot to do what God told you to do.

1 While I Was Busy, I Failed to Teach My Neighbor

2 Timothy 2:2; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 12

- While I was busy here or there, I failed to teach my neighbor. We've been given a responsibility.
- The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who'll be able to teach others also.
- You teach somebody, then they'll teach somebody, then they'll teach somebody. We have that responsibility.
- We all have a different function, we all have different talents and abilities to this arena of evangelism.
- Maybe you're the recruiter part of the body who just goes out and finds people who are interested, and you bring them to someone who can … teach them.
- What can you do? God has given you that responsibility.

2 While I Was Busy, I Failed My Children

Ephesians 6:4

- You fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord.
- God has assigned fathers the responsibility.
- What God had in mind is you have responsibility, a weighty responsibility.
- I've yet to find a passage where God tells parents that it's your responsibility to make sure that your children receive a great education.
- She knew, and my father knew that she had a greater responsibility.

3 While I Was Busy, My Soul Is Lost

Matthew 23:23

- While I was busy doing things that mattered a lot to me, my soul is lost.
- I was busy doing all of those things. But still my soul was lost.
- Though they were immersed in religious activities, their soul was lost.

- You pay tithe of mint and anis and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law. Justice and mercy and faith.
- You can dress up and go to church. And it just be a mask. Hiding injustice, a merciless heart, lacking in faith.
- Don't get so busy that you forget what God has given you to do.

THE CHALLENGE

What will you do when confronted with neglect and shortcomings and sin in your life? You've got two choices. Will you be a David or will you be an Ahab?

MY NOTES