Sierra Community Church August 23rd, 2009-Dan Wilvers- Part 6



Like Father, Like Son

"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself" John 5:19

The Story:

When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?"

John 5:6

Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!" Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, ... John 5:8,9

So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules.

John 5:16

The Defense:

But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." John 5:17

The Reaction:

So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him.

John 5:18a

The Reason:

For he not only broke the Sabbath, He called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God.

John 5:18b

1st- He calls God, His Father.

2nd-According to Jewish thought God alone is allowed to work on the Sabbath.

Jesus reveals the source of His life and power

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself,

John 5:19a KJV

2 Keys To Take Away:

1. Recognition of the total dependence & folly of self-sufficiency

"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. John 5:19a

2. Obedience is the result of dependence

He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

John 19b