



Reflection Guide
Sermon Title: Don't Play In My Face

Key Takeaways

- ⇒ Spiritual maturity is revealed in how you handle people pretending to be your friends, not just how you treat your enemies.
- ⇒ Betrayal may be involved in the process, but it is not in control of the outcome.
- ⇒ Authenticity requires us to name what's happening rather than participate in pretense.
- ⇒ The power to do something doesn't mean we have permission to do it.
- ⇒ We must not allow someone else's dysfunction to pull us into dysfunction.

Personal Reflection

1. Pastor Dharius said, "Many well-meaning saints are confusing cultural niceness with kingdom kindness." How does being "nice" sometimes lead to idolatry, entitlement, or enablement?
2. The sermon mentioned "progressive sanctification"—things God allowed in one season that He won't endorse in the next. What is something God is currently asking you to eliminate as you move forward?
3. What makes elimination difficult even when we know it's necessary?
4. Jesus engaged in "strategic exposure" by naming what was happening. Why do you think Jesus publicly identified Judas' betrayal instead of handling it privately?
5. The sermon mentioned "seasons of contradiction"—when divine activity and difficult reality coexist. Can you identify a season of contradiction in your life right now? How does Jesus' example at the Last Supper help you navigate your own contradictions?
6. When have you questioned God's faithfulness because of someone else's disloyalty?
7. How can we discern between what looks like sabotage to us but might be strategy to God?
8. Can you think of a time when pain almost provoked you to misuse your abilities? What held you back?
9. What distractions are currently competing for your attention and pulling you away from your assignment?