

Rush Rush Rush — Living Like Tails... Dragged Around Everywhere

Are we being guided or dragged around?

Guided by our Shepherd or dragged around by our society?

What are we? The head or the tail?

I've been praying over our flock that we'd all slow down and not be the tail and dragged around with the flow of our society. But that we'd find rest, joy and peace being guided by our Shepherd — that we may be the head and not the tail.

I want to be a kingdom thinker. A kingdom thinker doesn't just SURVIVE, from day to day, they THRIVE in the beauty and rich blessings of God's redeeming grace. And we need God's gracious help to be one who has a kingdom mindset. Kingdom thinkers are the head and not the tail... being dragged around from this to that. They thrive in bringing life, love and light to a hurting world defeated and deflated by its own hopelessness and vain ambitions. It's not that they have everything in life figured out... they've simply learned how to lean on and look to Jesus.

We had a little technical issue with a dragging internet... so it only captured about half of the service. But there's enough here to help and encourage you. Blessings... the follow is a transcript of what you're listening to.

"...Open up the revelation that you brought. In our reading of Luke's account, we're up to chapter number 18. We'll probably look at a couple of things up to where we are. Jesus has talked about a lot of stuff. He's taught about a lot of things. He's talked about heaven. He's talked about eternal life. He's talked about hell and Hades. He's talked about discipling. And what it cost for us to come after him. He's talked about salt. And he's talked about a little bit of everything. And we need to think about how: number one life happens. And we take, like Brandy right now, and their little baby is just a really bitty small. And Jesus came the same way into this world. And something as small as this little bean right here, Davin, that God was in this bean, and then is going to come into the world and be just a tiny, frail, little, little baby. But you know, everything he did was with purpose. What was the intention, it had to be this way? It had to be this and we had to come this way. So that he would die a certain way. So that each one of us would have life. And when you think about all that's going on how many y'all been? Just running and gunning and going and how many is this time of the year? Christmas time? How many? Is it probably one of the busiest times for you? You just get I mean, you get tired of just going and doing? Ah, what are you laughing about? Okay. You ain't done nothing. He raised his hand Brother, brother, Billy. I said I said, I mean you're up and running and

going and doing Josh raised his hand. And Kate went to shake it. laughing she said What has he done? Thank God for mamas. Amen. That takes care of everything for us, right? Mommas make every day a holiday for people like you and me, Josh. Amen. But what they don't realize is that we got to listen to them when they do everything right. So it does work on us, mentally, a little bit. Are you with me? You know how many finances get tight and you got this to get and you got this party to go to and you gotta this going and all these things. Josh, we all relate to it. We understand. But I know. But I want to tell you. That's not. That's not what it's all about. Amen. Now, we all want to be givers. We all want to bless people, we all want to redeem the time and take advantage of the opportunity. But I'm just talking about I just know personally, I know from being around you enough. I know that many of you look forward to it and can't wait to get past the holiday season. Yes, it's like you get a breather, you like I'm so glad that's behind us, and that we can move on into another year and things will finally slow down. Well, I want to tell you, that's never been the purpose of it all, amen. That's not what it is to be about whatsoever. And this is what happens. There's an older Testament passage that I've been thinking about over the last little bit just with the flow of everything with all that's going on with all that's happening and everything. How many of you just feel rushed? How many times have you felt rushed to get here this morning? I mean, you felt rushed yesterday, you're always in a rush. That's one thing we don't see Jesus doing, he never rushed. He was on what he was on a schedule. He was on a purpose. He was on a plan. And when he would tell people Look, don't tell them who you just said that I am because it's not my time yet. Don't rush it. It's not my time yet everything was set and had a time with it. But go to Deuteronomy. Let's go look at this. And this is what I want to bring out to you. I think you will relate to it in a moment. Deuteronomy 28, Deuteronomy 28:13. Now when we look at Deuteronomy, or we look at any of these older testament books, we don't look at them from the perspective of this is the requirement of what we do to attain salvation or even in the sense for a way to do this so that God would love us we are loved. Christ demonstrates God's deep and rich love for us. This is the point that I want out something as I've been watching and reading about how Christ was doing, what he was doing, and the things he was teaching. This thought kept coming to my mind this past week as I watched around me, and I've listened to people and I see people doing what they're doing. And I just feel like man everybody gets caught up in so much of the Christmas rush. And there's something behind that. Think about it, let's just get a picture of this. When you think of a head and tail, what do you think about it? You think of what an animal there's nobody in here has tails, amen, at least we know of, praise God. Amen. So are you thinking about an animal? But what normally leads an animal? Is it the tail that's leading them or the head that's leading them? So what does the tail do? The tail does what? It follows! The tail gets dragged along wherever the head goes, Are you with me? So what happens is rush, we're always worn out, we're always looking for a little way of escape. I mean, all these things are how you can't wait for the season to be over. When it's a season we celebrate the most significant man in the history of this world, the most significant moment in time when you consider his coming, his birth, His life, His death, His resurrection, we get the most significant

message to tell the world. But we get so caught up as a tail, being dragged around, that we've missed the entire reason for the season. It's easy to do, don't get me wrong, y'all. I've been there and everybody's there, amen. You just get drug around with what our society is doing at the moment. What the market is doing at the moment. You know, our society stays alive for seasons like this is how these businesses stay alive during the Christmas season. And boy, they market things. They advertise things they do their Black Friday and Cyber Monday, they're doing everything they can to stay afloat. and guide you through the season. And you feel like or we feel like let's include all of us. We feel like a tail, just being drugged through it. And remember, Jesus is not just the reason for the season. He's the reason for every season. Amen! He's our reason for everything. He's our reason for every season. Notice what he says, when we will just take God at His Word, His intent, what he has come to do, and what he's doing and make that the priority of everything we do. He said I'll make you the head and not the tail. What's going on around you is not going to govern you, it's not going to lead you. But you are going to be led by Him. Did anybody lead Jesus? His father did, but no person did. Amen. Everywhere he stepped everywhere he went, it was because his father led him not what the culture was doing. Not what the Pharisees were doing, not what the scribes were doing. Yes, there were going to feasts to attend and there were going to be celebrations and they were going to be this and that, but all that was intentional for us — that he would be at the right place at the right time for the right reason for the right purpose. And nothing that was happening in Jerusalem, or Bethsaida, or in Caesarea Philippi, or Galilee, or Capernaum, or wherever Jesus walked in Nazareth, you name it, none of that manipulated him. He was always the head. And he was never dragged anywhere. He never was rushed anywhere. He never got upset. And when he is not leading me, what I do without him doesn't amount to anything, because I'm being dragged around by everything but not led by him. And rather than taking the reins myself and saying, lead me through this. Amen, I want to be a blessing to you first, and I want to bless your people. I want to bless my family. I want my family to see that I'm not a tail being dragged here and there. I do what I do with intention and with purpose because I felt compelled by the love of Christ and what he's given me now and his people and now they're servants and doing whatever they want to do. And they're not doing what God called them to do, look at verse 44. He, the foreigner (those who are strangers to God and his purpose) will lend to you but you shall not lend to him. The foreigner shall be the head and you shall be the tail.

Simply, Karen, that means that the foreign is dragging you into his agenda, and you're just being carried along in what he's wanting to do. And you're not doing what God assigns you to do, nor what you Find the most delight in doing. You're just rushing through life doing somebody else's business. And I'll tell you, we don't want to be there, amen. We don't want to be there. I want to learn from Jesus. Who did what he did, when he did what he did? Don't ask me to repeat that I probably can't. You got to keep in mind he lived the life that he lived and the life that he lived qualified for the death that he died. And the death that he died qualifies us to receive the life that he

lived. And the life that he lives in, Josh, he wants to live with me now. I want to tell you he was never rushed. And he was never, ever the tail, for he was always blessed and favored by his father. And he leads us and as we walk with Him, we don't have to worry about being the tail either. We can let him govern and take us where he wants to take us. Yes, it starts just like Jesus started in that womb. The size of a small seed, do it with peace. I want to do it with contentment. I want to do it with joy. I want to love people. And I want to make sure they see your love in me. Just see me hurrying, to this thing and that thing. Look, when we gather together on Sunday mornings, look, we don't want to gather together. It's like a rush to hurry up and get here and hurry up and get out. That's no fun, amen. That's no fun. We want to enjoy being led by our shepherd to gather with the sheep and be fed by the shepherd as he feeds the sheep and to be led to the stills waters as he waters us in this season. Remember, Jesus is a reason for every season. He's everything. Amen. So I just encourage you to take a breath and slow down. Don't rush. Don't let what's going on in your environment. what's around you in all the things coming up? Because I mean, y'all still got a lot coming up. Y'all thinking right now brother me, man, my schedule is I'm gonna tail right now I can see it. I got this one to go see and that one to go see in this family to be with. Look, look, we understand that you want to take advantage of the opportunity. You want to capitalize on it all. But I'm encouraging you just to take a breather. You might not be able to get it all done. You might not be able to so that we together can be a blessing to those You put us on the path with. Amen. Well, to Him be the glory. Amen. Father, we thank You today. We bless you if I ask you to help us with these things. I know right now, even in this service, there are things that our folks have got to get to and they're gonna be going to and I pray that you bless them. You encourage them, you strengthen them. You give them the strength of Caleb as he said that you spoke to him. He had an ever-since moment..."

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