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Key idea:

Things won't always work out the way we think they should, but God uses every circumstance for his maximum glory, and our maximum good.

Key text:

Matthew 11:2-15 (CSB)

² Now when John heard in prison what the Christ was doing, he sent a message through his disciples

³ and asked him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

⁴ Jesus replied to them, “Go and report to John what you hear and see:

⁵ The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor are told the good news,

⁶ and blessed is the one who isn't offended by me.”

⁷ As these men were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the wind?

⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothes? See, those who wear soft clothes are in royal palaces.

⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written: See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

¹¹ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one greater than John the Baptist has appeared, but the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been suffering violence, and the violent have been seizing it by force.

¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

¹⁴ And if you're willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who is to come.

¹⁵ Let anyone who has ears listen.

Key points:

1. God uses our questions to grow our faith.
2. The Gospel is the mission, and God uses all kinds of situations to bring it to those who will hear.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to me? Why?
2. How is God assuring me in this season of my life?
3. In what areas do I need assurance from God right now?
4. What can I see God presently doing that I can praise him for?
5. Who is God calling me to speak his assurance to this week?

Preview of next week: My Only Comfort - Part 1