

# Between the Two (Compilation)

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*The church is powerless in Western society because it has positioned itself between two kingdoms, seeking the best of both worlds.*

**Duration:** 3:59

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 18:21, Matthew 6:33, Luke 9:62, Romans 6:14, 2 Corinthians 6:17, Hebrews 13:13, James 4:4

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher addresses the issue of people who claim to love God but still engage in sinful behaviors. He emphasizes the need for believers to fully commit to following God and not be caught in a state of indecision. The preacher urges the congregation to step outside of the comfort of religious rituals and seek a genuine relationship with God. He warns that being caught between two kingdoms, trying to have the best of both worlds, leads to powerlessness and a lack of victory in the Christian life. The sermon draws from biblical references, such as Hebrews 13:13 and 1 Kings 18:21, to support the message.

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## Transcript

Now, there's a type of a man who positions himself directly between two kingdoms. You see, if the son of David, who's in rebellion, comes, he could very well say, well, listen, I'm not trimming my beard, I'm not changing my shoes, I'm not washing my clothes until you are established in your kingdom. And then, when David returns, he said, well, I didn't trim my beard, I didn't wash my clothes, I didn't change my shoes, until you have come back and retaken the kingdom.

And he's a man who's right in the middle. He's positioned himself for the best of both worlds. That's why much of the church in Western society is powerless.

That's why there's so little victory. That's why people sit in houses and have to, week after week and year after year, have to nurse and nurture old wounds. They live behind prison bars, they don't get free.

And sin has dominion, because they are positioned directly between two kingdoms. Coming to the house of God with this seeming devotion to the Lord, but having the same devotion to the things of this world outside of the house of God. That's why there's such a powerless testimony in America today.

That's why the church is a non-issue in this society. That's why voices of men and women of God are not heard anymore. Because they've positioned themselves between two kingdoms.

Yes, I want to go to heaven, but I want everything that religion and the world has to offer me as well. I want the two sides of the coin at the same time. But folks, it's not optional.

Can you imagine when Christ comes back and he looks at you and says, Why didn't you go with me? Well, you know, my father wounded me. Well, you know, my past and my background. You know how hard it is to get up and do anything.

You know how hard it is to, Why didn't you go with me? I believe that's going to be the cry of God's heart when he returns to so many of his people. Why didn't you go with me? Why didn't you come outside the city wall? Why weren't you willing to share the reproach of a world that hates God and will hate those who truly represent him? There's no way around it, folks. Elijah said to the people in 1 Kings 18, 21, How long will you halt between two opinions if the Lord be God, follow him? How long, how long, how long will you stay in this place of playing both sides of the fence? How many people even sitting here today are playing both sides of the fence, claiming to love God, coming in with this display of devotion, but yet you go home and you've got the same devotion to pornography, the same devotion to stupid television and talk radio, the same devotion to things that offend the very nature and character of God.

Hebrews 13, 13 says, Let us go therefore unto him without the camp bearing his reproach. Let us go. If we're going to be a church that has a testimony in our generation, we have to go outside of the camp, outside of all this religion that lives for itself and uses God for its own gain, seeks reputation, seeks power over men's lives, seeks all of these things that they think Christ is supposed to be giving them.

God, help us to get out of this mixture. God, help us to take a stand for Christ in our generation.

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