

# Getting in God's Way

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I. Introduction. Text: Matthew 16.

II. When we get in God's way.

- A. We get in God's way when we interfere with what God is doing in someone's life.
- B. We get in God's way when we interfere with what God is doing in our own life.
- C. There was a real conflict between Christ and Peter—Jesus claims that Peter's message about fleeing from His destiny of the cross was a message from Satan.
- D. The devil can use any child of God to interrupt the plan of God in another person's life.

III. Why we become an obstacle to the work of God in another's life.

- A. We only understand part of the story. It is too easy for us to make judgments.
- B. We fail to see the cause of hurt as a tool of God.
- C. We are ignorant of God's plan.
- D. We do not understand God's ways.
- E. We are prompted by concern for another person's problems.
- F. We tend to take up the offenses of others because of our previous hurts.
- G. We are often selfish and self-serving.

## Application questions:

1. Why is pain not necessarily a bad thing in the Christian life?

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2. Why is it important to be careful with giving advice too quickly when a Christian is undergoing some trial?

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3. How have you seen God use some challenge to grow a believer? Explain.

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