



**Pre-Sermon Video: God Hasn't Changed**

## Getting the Nod

**Illustration of the Gordian Knot:** There's a legendary story about Alexander the Great and an ancient wagon. As the story goes, in 333 B.C. the Macedonian conqueror marched his army into the Phrygian capital of Gordium in modern day Turkey. Upon arriving in the city, he encountered an ancient wagon, its yoke tied with what one Roman historian later described as "several knots all so tightly entangled that it was impossible to see how they were fastened."

Phrygian tradition held that the wagon had once belonged to Gordius, the father of the celebrated King Midas. An oracle had declared that any man who could unravel its elaborate knots was destined to become ruler of all of Asia.

According to the ancient historian Arrian, the impetuous Alexander the Great was instantly seized with a desire to untie the Gordian knot. After wrestling with it for a significant amount of time and finding no success, he stepped back from the mass of gnarled ropes and proclaimed, "It makes no difference how they are loosed." He then drew his sword and sliced the knot in half with a single stroke.

The Gordian Knot has since been a symbol of unsolvable things.

NKJV | Am 5:24 **But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream.**

## Connecting Us

### Don't Believe These Cultural Lies:

1. Our ethnicity is primarily our identity.
2. Racism no longer exists, so people need to get over it.
3. Racism is happening everywhere and at all times.
4. This knot cannot be untied.

### Are There Any Answers?

1. It starts with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. It starts when the people of God recapture the wonder of God's story.
3. Realizing that out of one man God created every nation.
4. And out of one man came sin and death and it was passed to all humanity.
5. Learning that the Church started out breaking down the barriers.