

Whose Am I? Servant, Son, Spouse
2/15/09 AM Session - Crossroads Winter Camp

- I. Whose are you?
 - A. We all belong to someone. Either us, or someone else. The Devil or the Lord.
 - B. Who we belong to determines our actions at any given moment.
 1. Doing our own thing with no responsibility to anyone else.
 2. Listening in class or tasks at work.
 3. Chores at home
 4. Boy/girlfriend.
 5. Superheros saving the one they love for themselves, or selflessly serving and sacrificing for the greater good.
 - C. Framing the question "Whose are you?" in the Christian Cliche: it's not religion, it's relationship.
- II. What is a religion? Give examples of common understanding.
 - A. Man's attempt to reach God by his own efforts.
 1. Give and earn, not give and receive.
 2. When we can't get past the need to do in order to get. Grace?
 - B. Typically a set of rules, either self imposed or externally derived, that result in reward/salvation.
 1. We build our own obstacle course and reward ourselves.
 2. Cain and Able. Heart, not works problem.
 3. Who determines truth?
 - C. A religion can look very alive but is dead inside, and results in death.
 1. Laodiceans
 2. Christians try to be so holy to impress God, but don't know God. "I never knew you." Most disturbing verse in the Bible.
 - D. My experiences
 1. High school - thought I was living for God, was living for self.
 - a) "Don't drink, don't chew, don't date girls that do."
 - b) Legalistic and hypocritical.
 - c) Very empty, guilty, depressed inside, great outside according to Facebook friends (like Laodiceans).
 2. Awakening in college - had real relationship with Jesus.
 - a) Jess seeing me on campus
 - b) Girl in ADPi laundry room
 - c) I had new live, power to walk in Spirit and not in flesh. Only in relationship, only in Jesus and Jesus in me.
- III. Preface: this is only possible with you in Jesus and Jesus in you. Assumption is that God is real, not just to us, and Bible is true.
- IV. What does a relationship with God look like? Ever wondered?
 - A. Three examples. Might need to separate baggage from these because Satan has messed these up on purpose.
 - B. Servant - right and wrong models.
 1. God is a loving master, one to whom you can attach yourself, one whom you will want to serve with your whole life.
 2. Exodus 21:1-6, the bondservant. Willingly attached.
 3. Matthew 18:21-35, the unforgiving servant.

- a) Plain application - been forgiven, you need to forgive
 - b) Aux application - been forgiven, stop trying to earn
- C. Son - right and wrong models.
- 1. God is a loving Father, one who wants to hold you in His arms and love on you, but will also correct you when needed.
 - 2. Luke 15:11-21, the prodigal son. Father waiting, willing.
 - 3. Hebrews 12:5-7, a loving father disciplines.
 - a) Jesus endured not for Himself, but for us.
 - b) Just because you are saved doesn't mean "get out of jail".
 - c) When God disciplines it is for our good. Amber incident.
- D. Spouse - right and wrong models.
- 1. God is a loving Husband, one who will remain faithful to us despite our flirtations with other gods. He doesn't want our obligation, He wants our hearts.
 - 2. Hosea, God the faithful husband. Despite whoring idolatry.
 - 3. Ephesians 5:22-27, husband and wife job descriptions.
 - a) Jess' toast. Dance; one leads, other cooperates.
 - b) Jesus demonstrates love, Rom 5:8. "Till death do us part." No death in heaven.
 - c) A bad marriage based on obligation, lack of options, becomes routine and loveless. Melissa's fam. Is that church for you?
 - d) A good marriage based on love means you'll want to spend time together, have conversation, lose yourself in the life of the other.
 - (1) Today show thing on divorce.
 - (2) Two shall be come one. So it is with Jesus.
- V. Whose are you? Depends. Who are you in relationship with? It's a relationship.
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 - D. It's not a religion, it's a relationship. How is yours doing?
 - E. It's not about us. It's about Christ in us and through us, it's about us in Him.