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MORE THAN ANYTHING

MATTHEW 22:37

JESUS

The Faithful Witness

Revelations 1:5

TODAY

We are going to look at LOVE,
from a few different vantage points.

GOD

“For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son...”

John 3:16

JESUS

“By this we know love, because He (Jesus) laid down His life for us.”

1 John 3:16

YOU

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and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

Matthew 22:37



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MATTHEW 22:36-38

Are we loving God MORE THAN ANYTHING?
As this song plays, and my daughter Celayne
comes to minister in dance... let us each
search our own hearts...

STOP SLIDES

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“Lord... I need to know How to please your heart.”

No, not because I “have to”
because I really need to,
then because I want to.



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Why is this the FIRST & GREATEST commandment?



JOHN 3: 16-17

FOR GOD SO LOVED....

16) For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever should believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.



JOHN 3: 18 - 21

Men loved darkness rather than light
because their deeds were evil...

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ **This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.** ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ **But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.**



DO WE LOVE GOD more than ANYTHING?

Last time I was before you, we looked at what it means to be a faithful witness. To follow Jesus' example. To live a life that points others to Christ.

Today we are going to look at the ROOT of it all. What makes ONE decide to be a faithful witness and the OTHER a hostile witness?

Our heart's desire... is where we are going to spend time today.

ROMANS 1:20-32

He gave them over
to the sinful desires
of their hearts.

Let's read it together.



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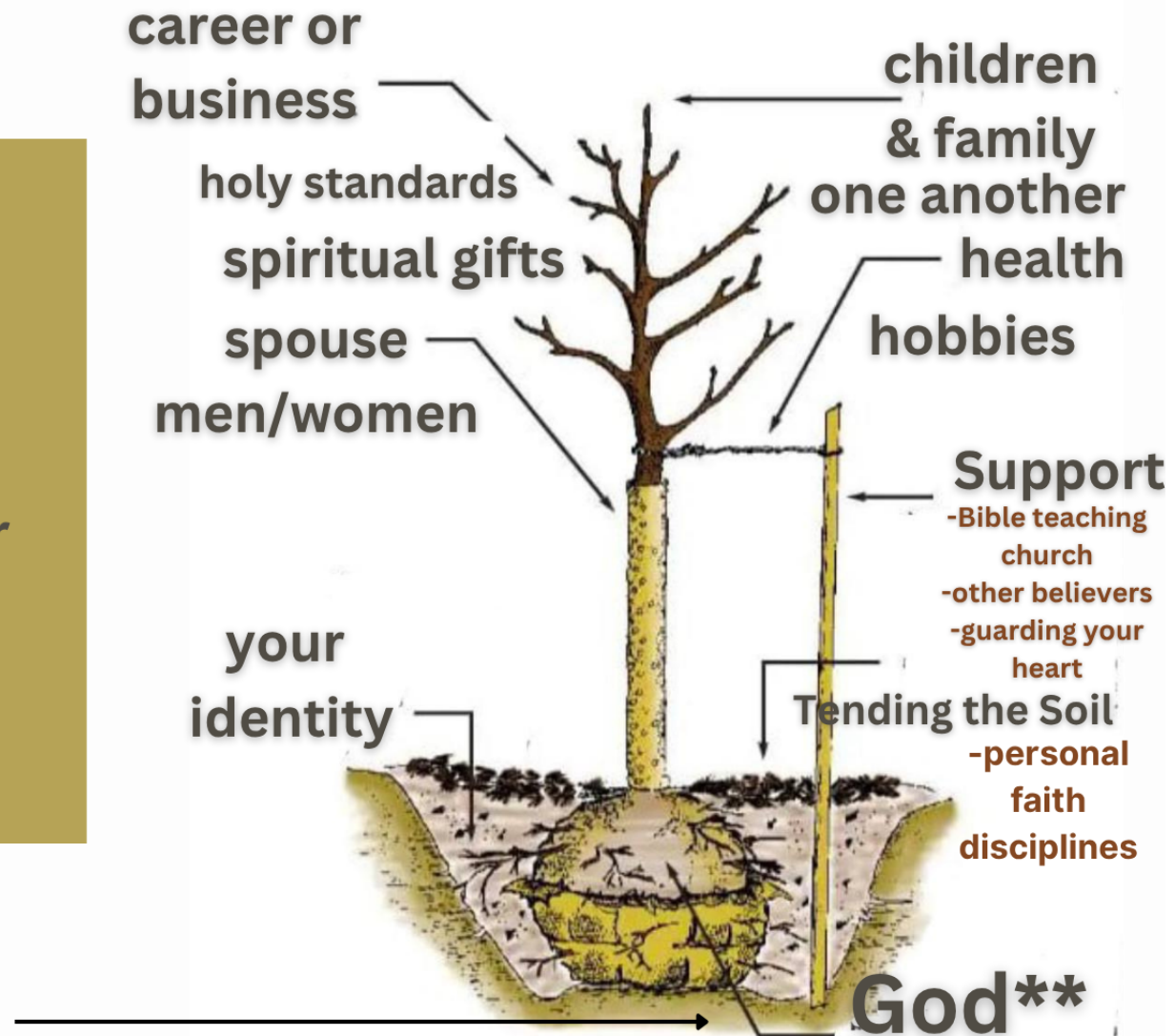


MATTHEW 6:33

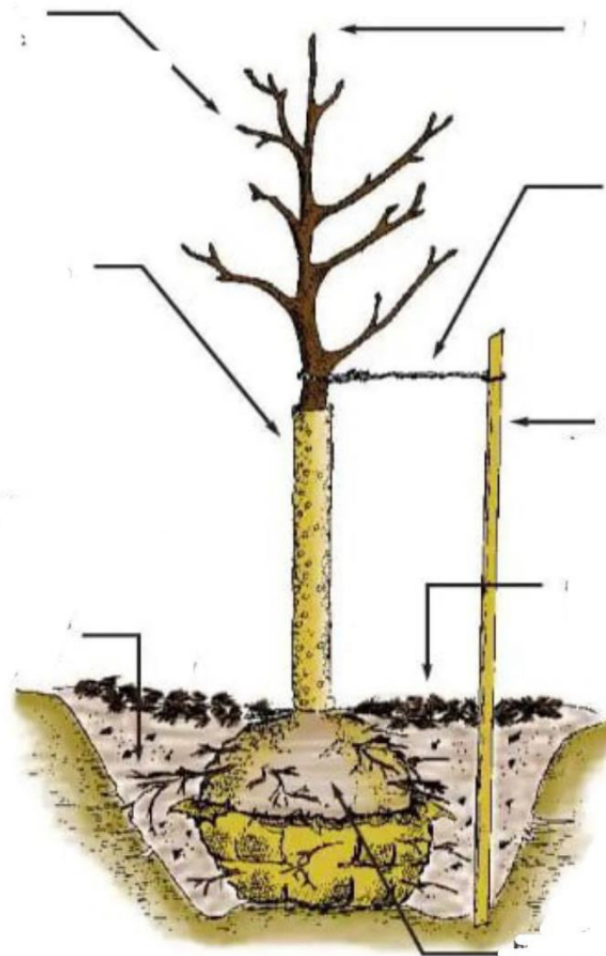
But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

JOHN 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.



WHAT OR
WHO HAS
MORE OF
YOUR
HEART
THAN GOD?



is it:

- a passion
- someBODY
- money
- people pleasing
- the culture
- distractions
- sin
- drugs/alcohol
- numbing
- hate
- unforgiveness
- laziness
- being comfortable
- attention

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CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE.



JOSHUA 24:14 - 15

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 PETER 3:9

**What good will it
be for someone to gain the
whole world, yet forfeit their soul?**

MATTHEW 16:26



PLAY VIDEO



CHOOSING TO LOVE GOD MORE THAN ANYTHING



- 1. Get to know and understand how much God LOVES you.**
- 2. Search your heart - is there anything you love more than God?**
 - you can identify these things by asking yourself where you spend the majority of your time, thoughts, energy, and effort?
- 3. Prune any branches on your tree that need to be pruned.**
 - Anything or anyone that pulls you away from Christ? That encourages you to sin?
 - Anything that distracts you from living your life more excellently in Christ?
- 4. Develop a deep reverence for God.**
 - Is there anything you fear more than you fear God? Is He Lord of your life?
- 5. Spend (significant) time renewing your mind and establishing your identity in Christ.**

MORE THAN ANYTHING

GOD

Loved you more than anything when He sent His only Son to die for your sins.

JESUS

Loved you more than anything when He laid down His life for yours.

YOU

Will you choose today to love God - more than anything?
...to LIVE for the One who DIED for you.

