

**GOD'S WAY**  
**MATTHEW 16:24 / 10-29-17 / A.M.**

**I. LIVING LIFE GOD'S WAY MEANS LIVING A GOD-CENTERED LIFE.**

- A. We're tempted to think the Bible is the record of what great men and women have done for God instead of a record of what God does.
- B. This is the difference between living a God-centered life and a man-centered life.
1. The characteristics of a God-centered life are....
    - a. Confidence in God.
    - b. Dependence on God.
    - c. Humility before God.
    - d. Denial of self.
    - e. Seeking God's kingdom first.
    - f. Holy and godly living.
  2. Biblical examples of a God-centered lives include people like....
    - a. Joseph—Gen. 39:20b-21.
    - b. Joshua—Num. 14:8-9.
    - c. King Asa—2 Chron. 14:11
- C. A self-centered life is characterized by....
1. Life focused on self.
  2. Pride in self.
  3. Self-confidence.
  4. Affirming self.
  5. Selfish and worldly living.
  6. Biblical examples include....
    - a. Adam and Eve—Gen. 3:6.
    - b. The Ten Spies—Num. 13:31.
    - c. King Asa—2 Chron. 16:9

**II. HOW CAN WE LIVE A GOD-CENTERED LIFE?**

- A. First, we must follow God's plan rather than our own plan—Ex. 2:11-15.
- B. Second, we must realize that God's ways are better than our ways—Isa. 55:8-9 and Psa. 81:10-14.
- C. Third we must realize that God's ways aren't always the easiest ways.