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Who Are We Living For And What Are We Living For?

2 Questions that we are to ponder in relation to the main thing being the main thing.

1. Who are we living for?
2. Whose will are we living for?

The answers to these questions will overwhelmingly define and shape our lives now and are now is creating our future.

1. Who are we living for?

The one true God or the god of self?

Last week I said if we are not loving God with ALL our heart then we are loving ourselves and because of this we will be living for ourselves and being led by ourselves.

Our lives will reflect WHO we are living for and WHOSE will we are living for?

We are all a product of the "seeds" we are sowing. If we sow generously into living for Him and His will we will reap generously.

Have we settled this yet? Have we made a conscious decision and put the stake in the ground.

Can we say like Paul these words with all authenticity.

Galatians 2:20

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

2. Whose will are we living for?

Jesus said His Family are those people Living for the Will of His Father!

Matthew 12:46-50

A main problem with teaching we have heard and believed is that God has this individual will for you and I, and all our individual wills are completely separate from one another.

HEAR ME - The WILL of the Father or the PURPOSE of the Father is exactly the same for ALL of us, but the WORKS He will have us accomplish are different.

The church has confused the WILL or the PURPOSE of God which is singular, with the WORKS of God, which are many.

God has His Will for His church. He has clearly mapped out already His Will for us. It's our role to come into a deeply rooted convictional position of His Will.

John 5:30

John 6:38

Hebrews 10:35-36

Romans 12:2

Romans 8:28-30

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Link between 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 & 2 Corinthians 11:1-6

The preparation of God's own people for Himself for the eternal marriage, is the Will of God!

The Son lives for the Father and the Father's Will. The bride the Father is preparing for His Son, will be like His Son. She will be living for the Father and the Father's Will.

The bride will be a mature bride just like the Son is a mature Son.

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Questions

1. Is the primary focus of the gospel message about a relationship with God or about accomplishing great things for God?
2. If it is about a relationship with God firstly and this relationship defines the works, how many followers of Jesus do you know who have an amazing, intimate, devoted, wholehearted, life giving relationship with Jesus, and what is it that makes this relationship the way it is?
3. Would you agree that many in the body of Christ, maybe including yourself, have mistaken the "Will of God" for the "Works of God?"
Why do you think many have done this?
4. After hearing tonight's word what do you understand the "Will of God" to be for His body, and what do you understand the works to be?
5. If we are to be honest with God, ourselves and others who would you say you are living for currently and whose will are you accomplishing?
What do you think you need to do about this if you are the wrong way round?

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