

Daily Devotional, September 16, 2020 Keeping God #1

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Matthew: 22:36-37 (NIV)

One of my favorite worship songs from a while back was the song, “The Heart of Worship”, by Matt Redman. Some of you might know the chorus:

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.*

More than ever, I believe this is a battle many Christians still unintentionally fight today – making worship something it is not: all about us. Many people, even in the church, worship because of how it makes them feel. Although feeling close to or undeniably blessed by God is wonderful, it's merely a *perk* of our worship, not the *purpose* for our worship. We were all created to worship God. Not only that, Jesus has commanded us to worship God!

Jesus answered , ***“It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only. Luke 4:8 (NIV)***

It is the tendency of most all human beings to want justification and immediate results to everything we do. Sometimes, however, we need to simply worship God because He tells us to.

We must also continually worship God regardless of how we feel at that moment – because He is still and always will be worthy! Otherwise, if our faith is based only on fleeting emotions, when our emotions change (as they so often do), where will that leave us on our faith journey? For that reason, we are commanded above all things to love God with every part of us – not just our heart (our emotions), but with our soul and mind—with our very being!

Prayer: Father today I choose to put you first in all things, I acknowledge that without You, I can do nothing. I ask you to take control of my life, as I seek You and Your ways, for You are my hope and my strength and I will ever worship You. May I always seek You first in all that I do, for Your ways are perfect. In Christ I pray. Amen.