

**Series: "ASCEND"**  
**Part 2: "THE CENTER OF IT ALL"**  
**Crossroads Community Church**  
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➤ **Being Christ-Centered is about \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ for Him**

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 Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

**4 don'ts for living a Christ-Centered life....**

**1. Don't dismiss the importance of \_\_\_\_\_**

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*<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.*  
 Colossians 2:8 (NIV)

**2. Don't let \_\_\_\_\_ ways \_\_\_\_\_ out**

*<sup>34</sup> "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— <sup>36</sup> a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."*  
 Matthew 10:34-36 (NIV)

*<sup>37</sup> "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."*  
 Matthew 10:37 (NIV)

**3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus**

*<sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*  
 Matthew 10:38 (NIV)

*<sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.*  
 Matthew 10:39 (NIV)

**4. Don't try to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of following Jesus**

**Level 1 Belief:**

➤ **I believe in the Gospel enough to \_\_\_\_\_ from it**

**Level 2 Belief:**

➤ **I believe in the Gospel enough to \_\_\_\_\_ contribute to it**

**Level 3 Belief:**

➤ **I believe in the Gospel enough to lay my \_\_\_\_\_ down for it**

**The Key Question:**

➤ **Do I love Jesus enough to \_\_\_\_\_**  
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**Notes:**

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**Additional References:**

- For learning how to practice spiritual disciplines:
  - See "Old School" series on our website – Sept. 2018
  - See "Cross Training" series on our website – Nov. 2015