

Crossroads of Life

Part 3 – “Ask for the old, godly way”

Mark 12:28-31 ESV

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Question we'll answer today:

How do we find our way back to what truly matters most?

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” – Mark 12:28-31 ESV

⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” – Matthew 22:40 ESV

³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ – Mark 12:30 ESV

1st Commandment: ³ “You shall have no other gods before me. – Exodus 20:3 ESV

1. We _____ God alone.

²³ Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. – Proverbs 4:23 NLT

³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. – Luke 12:34 ESV

Live it out!

Question: What other ‘gods’ (approval, success, comfort or control) is diluting my heart and competing for my love? Where do I need to put God first in my life? What is blocking me from genuine loyalty to God alone?

³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ – Mark 12:30 ESV

2nd Commandment: ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. – Exodus 20:4-6 ESV

2. We reject every idol because God’s _____ claims us exclusively.

¹⁴ (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), - Exodus 34:14 ESV

⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. – Psalm 63:8 ESV

Live it out!

Question: Where in my life can I give God exclusive focus, what do I need to surrender at his throne? What things are distracting me from giving God my exclusive love and attention?

³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ – Mark 12:30 ESV

3rd Commandment: ⁷ “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. – Exodus 20:7 ESV

3. We choose to _____ God with our thoughts and words.

⁹ Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. – Matthew 6:9 ESV

¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. – Colossians 3:17 NLT

Live it out!

Question: How am I representing God’s holy name in my life? What does the world see? What would the person closest to me say about what they see coming out of my life?

³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ – Mark 12:30 ESV

4th Commandment: ⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. – Exodus 20:8-11 ESV

4. We learn to _____ our strength by _____ in a God who never grows weary.

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. – Matthew 11:28-29 ESV

²⁷ And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. – Mark 2:27 ESV

Live it out!

Question: Do I really slow down 1 day out of the week to dedicate my time and attention to renew and recharge with God? If I don’t, how can I prioritize a sabbath this week...and then truly rest in it?