

Crossroads of Life: Part 4 – “walk in it”

Mark 12:31, John 3:16-21

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³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” – Mark 12:31 ESV

Question we’ll answer today:

How do we unlock God’s command: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’?

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. – John 3:16-17 ESV

1. We must see our value through what God _____, not the world’s gaslighting.

The World’s Voice vs. God’s Truth

The world says: “You’re just another evolved being, a random product of natural selection.”

But God says: ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” – Genesis 1:26 NLT

- We are not accidents: we are image-bearers!

The world says: “You define your own truth and worth.”

But God says: ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. – Ephesians 2:10 ESV

- We are not self-made; we are God-made. We are His handiwork, His masterpiece!

Live it out!

Question: What does God giving his one and only son as a sacrifice for your soul mean to you? (1 John 4:9-10) If I call Jesus my Savior, where in my life is he calling me to totally surrender before him? (Luke 9:23) Where is my surrender difficult, and where is it distracted? (James 4:7-8)

¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. - John 3:18-19 ESV

2. We must choose to _____ in Christ with surrendered hearts, not casual awareness.

Jesus is: “**Savior**” = ____ times in New Testament. “**Lord**” = ~ ____ times in New Testament (ESV).

¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. – 1 John 4:15-16 ESV

⁴⁶ “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say? – Luke 6:46 NLT

Live it out!

Question: Is Jesus just someone you “know” as a Savior, or do you “believe” in Jesus as your Lord? Where are you still trying to live as the master of your life?

²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.” – John 3:20-21 ESV

3. We must live in God’s light, allowing truth to _____ our motives so our love reflects Jesus.

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:2 ESV

²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. – 1 John 4:20-21 ESV

Live it out!

Question: Where in my life am I holding back my love for someone, because of my self-protection? Where do I need to stop asking “What do I want from this?” and instead ask “What does God’s word say about this?”?

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. – Psalm 139:14 ESV

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. – Matthew 7:21 ESV

...as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. – Ephesians 4:21b-24 ESV