

GOD the SON - “Can YOU Handle The Truth?!?” - John 4:16-26

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- “**confession**” is the Ancient Greek word **ὁμολογέω** or “**homologeo**” meaning “to say the same thing as someone; to agree with someone.”
 - **Genesis 3:9–13 NKJV** - “Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?..He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?.. the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”
 - **Parents are very familiar with the need and the benefit of CONFESSION. They must encourage their children to do it, to heal a breached relationship.**
 - **Surgeons must receive the permission of the patient before they engage in surgery... the patient must ADMIT to the doctor, that he/she is sick and in need of help!**
 - **John 4:16–18 NLT** - “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “**You’re right! You don’t have a husband for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now.** You certainly spoke the truth!”
 - **1 John 1:8–10 NLT** - “If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But **if we confess our sins to him**, he is **faithful and just to forgive us** our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.”

II. The Truth About **LOCATION**. (v.19-21)

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- **Psalm 139:7-10 NLT** - "I can never escape from Your Spirit! I can never get away from Your presence! If I go up to heaven, You are there; if I go down to the grave, You are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there Your hand will guide me, and Your strength will support me."
 - **Jonah 1:3 NLT** - "Jonah got up and *went in the opposite direction to get away from the Lord*...He bought a ticket and went on board, *hoping to escape from the Lord* by sailing to Tarshish."
 - **Genesis 3:8-10 NLT** - "So *they hid from the Lord God* among the trees. 9 Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."
- **Not about your LOCATION... but your RELATION!!**
 - **Genesis 12:1-3 NLT** - "The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show *you*. I will make *you* into a great nation. I will bless *you* and make *you* famous, and *you* will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless *you* and curse those who treat *you* with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through *you*." ("*you*" 8x)
 - **Matt 28: 45,50-52 NLT** - "At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?*" which means "My God, my God, *why have you abandoned me?*" Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened.
 - *Israel trip... Valley of Elah?? Sea of Galilee?? Garden Tomb??*

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- **"worship"** - The ancient Hebrew word for worship is **שָׁחָה** or "**shakaw**" which means "to lay down flat, and prostrate oneself before a lord, king, or ruler". The Greek word primarily used in the New Testament is **προσκυνέω** or "**proskuneo**" meaning to prostrate oneself before the king.
- **Worship is a BIG in the heart of God!** It's actually 1 of 4 special things that the Scriptures say the LORD actively looks for in this world:
 - **Lost** - Luke 19:10
 - **Faith** - Luke 18:8
 - **Servants** - 2 Chron 16:9
 - **Worshippers!!**

- Jesus declares there are actual **"components"** of **TRUE** Biblical worship?
 - **"spirit"** - genuine worship must be truly **SPIRITUAL!** (*the Holy Spirit*)
 - **When it comes to supporting their favorite sports team, many Americans pray or perform game-day rituals** that they think will affect the outcome of a game. A survey released by the Public Religion Research Institute looked at the link between team spirit and fan spirituality. The survey found that 60 percent of Americans say they are fans of a particular team, and many of them said they would do something to help their team along in an important game. Almost a quarter of those fans will wear special clothes such as a team jersey on game day, and 26 percent said they would pray and ask God to help their team win. According to the results, football fans are more likely than fans of other sports to **admit to praying for their team or performing some ritual before a game.**
 - **"truth"** - genuine worship is truly **INFORMATIONAL!** (*the Holy Scriptures*)
 - **One of the fastest-growing religions in the United States is Wicca.** According to a 2009 survey, "Nearly 2.8 million people now identify with dozens of new religious movements, calling themselves Wiccan, pagan, or 'Spiritualist,' which the survey does not define." Wicca, a contemporary form of paganism that includes goddess worship and reverence for nature, has even made its way to Arlington National Cemetery, where the Pentagon now allows the Wiccan five-pointed star symbol to be used on veterans' gravestones.

*The first commandment warns God's people away from having other gods. In modern culture, **Christians will have to learn to live, as the Hebrews did, among a people who reject the One True God.***
 - **"I... am He."** - genuine worship must be truly **PERSONAL!** (*the Holy Son*)
 - **A \$500 rug in the lobby of the Pinellas Sheriff's Office in Florida was supposed to say, "In God We Trust,"** but the rug manufacturer mistyped the word "God," rearranging the letters so that the rug said, **"In Dog We Trust."** It took a couple of months for someone to discover the typo, but then the rug was quickly removed.