

Jesus the Lord- Sermon 10th of October 2021

2. What drives your life?

And I want to ask you this morning, not what motivates you to work, but what drives you? What is the drive for you to get up every morning? **Maybe your motivation is success, fame, money, power, independence, accomplishments, validation, entertainment, or it might be fear, guilt or proving something to someone.**

I am asking the question, because whatever drives our life's this is **where our energy, resources, time, and money goes**. If money drives my life, then I would look how can I get more money. If accomplishments, then I would work so hard to show my achievements.

We read the story in **Matthew 19** about the Rich Young Man, who come to Jesus asking what he needs to do for eternal life and Jesus said:

- *"If you want to enter life, keep the commandments." 18 He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, 19 Honour your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself." 20 The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possession."*

He was clearly driven by his desire to be rich and as Jesus challenge his "driver/his motivation", he walked away. **What would you do if Jesus is challenge your desire/your motivator/your drive in life? Would you be willing to leave anything behind/give up anything he asked you for and follow him or would you walk away?**

3. Lordship

See another way of putting it is who is the lord in your life. We don't use the word Lord in our normal vocabulary, so we often don't understand completely the meaning. **Lord in Hebrews means "master" one who has authority over another.**

So, are you willing to give to something/someone complete control? Is Jesus your Lord? Does Jesus have the authority over you? If he is Lord, then he is centre and means everything evolves around him. What he says you obey. His wish is your command?

***Colossians 1,17-22** "17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

He did not create you to live an autonomous life. The cosmic reality is that everything has been created for and through Jesus: from every atom to the milky way to the galaxy - everything/everyone has been created through and for him.

After your become a believer the centre of your life hopefully shifted, and that Jesus is the centre of your life. As your life is shifted and pointing to Jesus now as you are a disciple of him.

- **2. Corinthians 5, 14** says: "Christ love has the first and last word in everything we do our firm decision is to work from this what focused centered."

4. Wheel illustration

This wheel is like your life. Jesus is like this hub and needs to be at the centre of our life and these spokes are the things in our life that connects us to Christ, things like the bible, fellowship, worship, getting into a home church, Repentance, Praise, Thanksgiving and so on.

Listen if Jesus isn't at the centre of your life, you've got one of these problems (moving wheel up and down) and it is out of control. And if you don't have spokes which connects you to Christ, like praying together, reading your bible and all this kind of stuff, your life is like that (wobble wheel).

That's why you need to have Christ in the centre of your life.

5. Why Jesus?

So, you may ask Jesus should be the centre of my life, **why?** What gives him the right to rule my life? **Firstly, it is choice.** Jesus never forces or pushes himself in people's life. You have been given a free will to decide if you want Jesus as your lord.

But the truth is in **Revelation 19,16**

- "16 On his robe and on his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords." He is greater than any kind, any president, any manager. He is the ultimate and complete King!

You can have a full study of why Jesus is king and lord, but in one sentence: **"The use of King of kings and Lord of lords in connection with Jesus highlights His supreme power, rule, and authority. No one compares with His strength or ability to lead. In fact, Scripture declares there is only one God (Deuteronomy 6:4). The New Testament affirmation that Jesus is God. Do you want to trust your life to anything else than to God? I hope not!**

6. How to make Jesus Lord of your life

So how do I make Jesus the Centre of my life 3 things:

6.1 Focus:

How do you make Jesus the Lord of your life- Through focus? You not having Jesus in the centre by chance or accident. It is the intentional seeking and focusing on him as our saviour.

Every relationship without focus will never reach its full potential. The same is with Jesus. The relationship needs focus and engagement. I can't expect to know Jesus when I speak to him once a week. It needs focus and attention. Also, I can't develop a relationship when I only talk about my problems. Jesus wants to become your friend, which means we listen to his voice, we submit to him. So, I encourage us, let's focus on him.

6.2 Submission:

God cannot be the centre of your life unless you submit to him fully. God won't play second-fiddle to anyone or anything. Just like you can't be a little bit married, you can't be a little bit Christian. You either are or you aren't.

Hames Hudson Taylor said: "Christ is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all."

Jesus isn't interested in having fans. He is interested in fully devoted disciples for him.

But Jesus said: In Luke 9.23

- ***"23 Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."***

For Jesus to be Lord of your life means that He is the ruler, the boss, the master of your whole life. He cannot be Lord of a part — He must be given control of the entire life - the whole life. You can't be a half disciples of Jesus. It is all or nothing. Hot or cold.

This verse is so challenging, as it says to deny yourself. What means to "deny" yourself means to say "No" to yourself and "Yes" to God, to give everything and completely to him.

Matthew 22,37

- "Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your mind."

6.3 Humility

Nobody can accept lordship of Jesus without humility. 3 reasons why we need a humility in our life's:

1. Humbly acknowledge God in everything

We need to regularly bow our hearts to our magnificent, awe-inspiring, and humble God. There are no human words that can describe who He is and how He has blessed us.

Psalm 8:3-4

- *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*

2. Confess and repent of pride

Pride won't allow God to sit on the throne in our hearts to rule over and redeem our past, present, and future. This will eventually destroy us. Let us humbly repent for our pride and all the times we have tried to control our own lives in the false belief that we have the power to.

Proverbs 11:2 ESV When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

3. Humility let us Admit mistakes and weaknesses readily

The fear of admitting our faults and vulnerabilities is driven by a desire to protect our personal image. We idolise our reputations at the expense of God's. Like the apostle Paul, we should not be afraid of exposing our personal weaknesses, so that people will see Jesus' Holy Spirit working in us. This takes true strength as well as true humility.

2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV

- "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast even more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

7. Conclusion/Prayer

So, in Summary: What does the lordship of Jesus Christ mean? It means that we recognize Him for who He is and give Him the honour that He is due. He has earned it; He is worthy of it.

Let me finish with **another demonstration**, which Ps. Steve did years ago at a Fuel the Fire event and I never forgotten since. I have a shirt here, if I unbutton it and then put the first button wrong everything else is out of alignment. It doesn't work, but if I put the first button correctly everything else will align in its rightful place. **If we but this first button right in our life's and make Jesus the Lord of our life, then everything below it will align.**