

Sermon Notes

June 2, 2019 – Luke 15:11-32

Life With God 1: How Do We Relate to God?

Summary: In an effort to deal with our fears by trying to gain control, humans often resort to religious postures of relating to God where our activity is the basis for us trying to get what we want from God. But God invites us to relate with based on relationship, and as we treasure, unite with and experience communion with God, we will experience the rich and satisfying life that Jesus came to give to us.

Intro: Comedian Pete Holmes

- A. Something is _____ with this picture
- B. Introducing the “Life With God” series

I. Religion as a Way to Deal with our Fears

- A. _____ and control are the basis of all human religions
- B. The 4 Religious Postures
 - 1. Life _____ God (Pete Holmes)
 - 2. Life _____ God (Adam & Eve)
 - 3. Life _____ God (the younger son)
 - 4. Life _____ God (the older son)

II. God is a Relational God

- A. The Trinity: God the Father, _____ & Holy Spirit
- B. We were made for _____ with God & others
- C. Life With God
 - 1. God’s passionate desire is to have a relationship with _____
 - 2. _____ description of Life With God (Phil. 3:8-9)

III. Treasuring, Uniting With & Experiencing Life With God

- A. Illustration: Treasuring, Uniting With & Experiencing a Mustang convertible
- B. Treasuring God – _____ is the exact representation of God so that we can know, love and treasure God
- C. Uniting with God – Jesus paid the full cost of our _____ so we can be united with (reconciled to) God

- D. Experiencing God – We experience God
 - 1. Through prayer as _____
 - 2. By living life on two _____
- E. If we can _____ while doing other things, we can “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17)

Conclusion:

- A. Challenge: Make Jesus your treasure
- B. Illustration: Billy Graham in constant prayer
- C. Application: How does this message apply to your life?
