

MADE for THIS

Matthew 6:33

*But seek **first His kingdom** and **His righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Romans 11:33-35

*Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!
For who can know the Lord's thoughts?
Who knows enough to give him advice?
And who has given him so much
that he needs to pay it back?*

When God is what we are seeking FIRST...

1. CHARACTER over CAUSES
2. PURPOSE over POPULARITY

Luke 6:24-26

*"What sorrow awaits you who are rich, for you have your only happiness now
What sorrow awaits you who are fat and prosperous now, for a time of awful hunger awaits you.
What sorrow awaits you who laugh now, for your laughing will turn to mourning and sorrow.
What sorrow awaits you who are **praised by the crowds**, for their ancestors **also praised false prophets**.*

Living for the approval of PEOPLE will keep me from the PURPOSES of GOD.

Galatians 1:10

I'm obviously not trying to flatter you or water down my message to be popular with men, but my supreme passion is to please God. For if all I attempt to do is please people, I would fail to be a true servant of Christ.

When God is what we are seeking FIRST...

1. CHARACTER over CAUSES
2. PURPOSE over POPULARITY

3. SURRENDER over control

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the Lord with **all your heart** and lean **not on your own understanding**; in **all your ways submit to him**, and **he will make your paths straight**.*

Philippians 4:6-7

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in **every situation**, by **prayer and petition**, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to **God**. And the **peace of God**, which **transcends all understanding**, will **guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus**.*

Talk It Over

1. Share a couple “big wins” from 2021 that you experienced.
2. Read Matthew 6:19-34 together. As a group, discuss what this means in our current culture and related to this week’s message of surrender.
3. Why do you think it’s so easy for us to convince ourselves it ok to trade our PURPOSE for POPULARITY?
4. What do you think you need to surrender, so God do what He wants with you in 2022?