

Bumper Sticker Theology

God is my Copilot

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Matthew 19:16-22 - Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" ¹⁷ "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments." ¹⁸ "Which ones?" the man inquired. Jesus replied, "'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁰ "All these I have kept," the young man said. "**What do I still lack?**" ²¹ Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

- God isn't only interested in how we manage our outward obedience, as important as that may be. God's ultimately interested in our heart... our **whole** heart. He wants all of us – not just our actions.

Matthew 19:20 - ... "What do I still lack?"

- Jesus tells him: You need to let go of that steering wheel even if it is a good thing because it will get in the way of a great thing--an abundant life.

1. What good things are you holding on to?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

Big Idea: If God's your copilot, you need to _____ seats.

Mark 8:34-35- Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must **deny himself** and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

A disciple must be willing to:

Shift my concerns about "me" and "my needs" to God and His kingdom.

2. Why do we resist?

A. What if God asks me to do something I don't want to _____?

B. What if he leads me to places I'd rather not _____?

C. What about my life that I've _____?

3. We believe that God's trying to keep us from the good stuff of life... but nothing could be further from the truth.

A. When God invites us to put him first in our life above everything else... it's not because he's needy or lonely... instead it's because he knows that when we put the weight and expectation of God on anything other than God, that thing will eventually crumble beneath the weight. He knows that putting him first and surrendering completely to him is just a better way to live. (Seeking God)

B. When God invites us to bear one another's burdens, he knows that living in true, authentic community is so much better than a life of isolation. (Building Community)

C. When God invites us to be people that are generous, he knows that living life with open hands... seeing everything we have as a gift from him... is simply a better way to live. (Unleashing Compassion)

4. What does it look like to move out of the captain's seat and give the steering wheel to God?

_____ ...every area of your life.

Next step of Action:

1. If God has revealed to you today an area of your life that you need to surrender, repent and surrender immediately.
2. Sign up for Next Steps Experience. Starting May 5th at 9:15am.