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### **Introduction**

- Thirst & drought
- No flow
- Secret sin
- Solution

This is a hard word, but its not.

### **The background**

- Our original purpose
- Our mistake
- Our reconciliation
- Our new purpose
- Our response

### **Sin vs. Me**

- The cross separated us from sin

God is not sin conscious, but unfortunately, when most of us became Christians, we became sin conscious. It's a trick from the devil to keep you from being God-conscious.

- Hating sin and not yourself for sinning

### **To do or not to do**

Being a Christian is not about what you are not doing or have stopped doing, but about what you are doing!

### **NB: Dead works vs. God works**

#### **James 3:17( ESV)**

“So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

- Works should define our lives as Christians
- Dead work – what God did not ordain
- Dead work – no different from sin
- **God work – obedience to his voice**
- **God work – what you were made for**

### **Our new Purpose**

#### **1. Intimacy with God**

##### **Matt 22:36 (NIV)**

“Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.””

##### **John 14: 21 (NKJV)**

“He who has my commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves me.”

#### **2. Serving others**

##### **Mark 10:43 (NIV)**

“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...”

#### **3. Missions and disciple making**

##### **Matt 28:19-20 (NIV)**

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have I have commanded you...”

#### **4. The sick, the dead and the demons**

**Matt 10:7-8 (NIV)**

“As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

#### **5. The widows and the orphans**

**James 1:27 (ESV)**

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

#### **Our Response**

**Matt 16: 24-25 (NKJV)**

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

#### **1. Totally surrender and forsake**

- Sin
- ‘HOLY’ IDOLS

**Phil 3:8 (NIV)**

“What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

#### **2. Total obedience to His Word and Voice**

- **John 10:27 (ESV)**
  - “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”
- **John 14:15 (NIV)**
  - "If you love me, you will obey what I command.”

#### **God’s Response**

- Fountains of living water (**John 7:38**)
- Life and life more abundantly (**John 10:10**)
- Joy and peace (**John 15:11**)
- The nations for your inheritance (**Ps 2**)
- Eternal life in heaven (**Titus 1:2**)
- Rewards in heaven (**1 Cor 3**)

#### **Summary**

Give 90% to God, God gives 0%

Give 100% to God, God gives 100%

His 100% is exponentially, ridiculously more than yours

It’s a condition of the heart – God knows that’s all we can give...

#### **Come to God**

- Those who want to surrender their ‘holy idols’ to God
- Those who want to become God conscious instead of sin conscious
- Those who want to hear His voice clearly in order to obey Him daily