



SERIES: November – December – Walking with Jesus

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Scripture: Matthew 6:24

TITLE: You Gotta Serve Somebody

Do you remember the show, *Jerry Springer*? That show was a train wreck. It was like an accident you drive by, but you just can't stop watching. People would come on with just the weirdest issues and problems. But there was this constant theme or storyline. Boy meets girl and falls in love. But the boy also meets another girl and falls in love. So he has two girlfriends. Inevitably one finds out about the other and demands he chooses one or the other. You can't have both.

Jesus said something quite similar. You gotta serve somebody, so who will you choose? Let's keep walking with Jesus as he gives a very convicting word for us today. This is what Jesus said in Matthew 6:24 (CSB).

“No one can serve two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

A very familiar passage quoted by believers and non-believers, but one that may have lost its meaning. Jesus said you cannot not *double*, or be a slave to two masters. This is not the idea of an employee to an employer. You can work two, three, or more jobs and do them well. There is no division of ability to serve them unless you are scheduled all at the same time.

But instead, Jesus says, you cannot be a slave to two separate masters. As a slave in Jesus' day, you were under the beck and call of your sole master 24/7. It wasn't possible to serve two masters.

I want you to try walking in two opposite directions at the same time and see how well it works for you. The reality is it won't because it can't. The same is true for our relationship with God. Jesus is saying you're either following me, or you are following money, wealth, and possessions.

What he is saying is to be sold out for God. Love God fully. Be all in or out. Choose. So how do we invest in God? Simply put, it's making God our one true love. To use Jesus' description: our treasure. And what do we do with our treasure? We adore it! We worship it. When we choose God, we worship Him!

So, is God your treasure? Are you hungry for Jesus? Do your thoughts center on the God of the universe? Do your thoughts center on Jesus, your savior? Or is your spouse your treasure? Are your kids your treasure? Is your work or your title your treasure? Is your hobby your treasure?

Where your treasure is there, your heart is also. I'll be honest, God is often not my treasure, and therefore I don't invest in Him and worship Him. But I am convinced that if we can fall in love with Jesus – we can fall in love with God if He becomes our treasure.

So here's my challenge for you today:

Choose and walk. Decide today. Do you love God above all else? If so, tell Him. Admit your infidelity from God and come back to your God. Tell Him why you love Him. Show Him in your words, your thoughts, and your actions today. Choose and never look back.

Chances are this means you'll need to forsake something or even someone else. But when we recognize the insurmountable value and love of our God, we will choose and walk with Him each day.

It's my prayer we choose Him today.