

Loving God With Our Minds - March 8, 2022

Our pastoral candidate, Doug Dodge, said something on the onset this past Sunday that I wrote at the top of my notes, “Slowly move through the scripture to see what’s being said.” And so, we began to look at Luke 10:25-37. What Doug taught us in the Word was a different facet of the Good Samaritan, a parable that most people have read and heard multiple sermons about.

Did it shed light into your life?

Or have we become bored with the Word?

Do our minds drift as we think, “I know all about that scripture already”?

It’s time to get real. Do we really love God with all of our beings?

Do we love God with our minds?

When we love the Lord we will want to know what He is saying to us in His word. The living water of the word transforms us. We must learn to slow down, meditate on God’s Word, and allow it to saturate our beings.

Romans 12:1-2(Amp) says:

12 [a]Therefore I urge you, [b]brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be [c]transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

Contemplating and considering the Word of God is an act of worship!

When we love someone we think about them. Put their desires before our own. Enjoy their company. Look for ways to please them. Most of all, we spend time with them. A person in love deliberately removes distractions and creates a place to listen and connect with their loved one. After all, you can’t truly love someone with all your heart if you do not know them.

Luke 10:27 (Voice)

Scholar: 27 You shall love—“love the Eternal One your God with everything you have: all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind”[a]—and “love your neighbor as yourself.”[b]

Deuteronomy 6:5 (Voice)

5 You should love Him, your True God, with all your heart and soul, with every ounce of your strength.[a]

That being said, there is a difference between love and infatuation. Infatuation as defined in the Oxford Dictionary is, “an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone or something.” The word love that we find in Luke 10:27 is a Greek word called “Agapēseis.

Strong’s Concordance defines this word as: “I love, wish well to, take pleasure in, long for; denotes the love of reason, esteem.”

Do we love, wish well to, take pleasure in, long for, desire to reason with, and esteem God’s Word?

Remember who we were before Jesus. We were battered by the enemy, isolated, and left for dead by the side of the road. All of us are broken people battered by sin and the hardships of living. But Jesus, our Saviour, and Redeemer, found us! He loves us! Not only does He offer us healing, comfort, rest for our souls, and a fresh start every day. He desires One-on-one time with us. The Holy Spirit wants us to invite Him into all the areas of our lives. He longs to be with us! He is waiting for us.

How can we not want to know the Lover of our souls? Let’s plunge into the depths of the living water together! Let us love our God by loving His Word and getting to know Him.

Don’t just be infatuated by God.

Let us love, wish well to, take pleasure in, and esteem our Lord with all of our being: heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Your sister in Jesus,
Liz