

# Are We There Yet?

## "God's Design for You"

*The Design and the Designer*

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### Introduction:

- Review: Get on the Road Trip with Christ
- What is our destination? Relationships that glorify God.
- This is a destination designed for us...
  - This design is good (video)
  - This designer is good and trustworthy

### Every Christian can experience God's design for relationships by embracing His model and His measure in 2 areas:

#### Area #1 – Submission (definition)

- "to place (oneself) under the control of another,"
- "to yield, lower, let down, put under, reduce," from sub "under" "let go, send." Sense of "refer to another for consideration" first recorded 1560.

Submit. (n.d.). Online Etymology Dictionary. Retrieved April 01, 2008, from Dictionary.com website: <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/Submit>

- **Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)** As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.
- **Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)** Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

#### THE MODEL – Christ

- Garden of Gethsemane (Matt 26) - Intentionally place your rights aside
- Christ's Baptism (Matt 3.13-17)
- Upper Room (Matt 26) - Intentionally place yourself in a place of service
- **Philippians 2.5-11 (NLT)** - Equality is maintained

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

#### THE MEASURE – How are we doing?

- What has God asked us to submit to?
  1. **Submit to His Person**
    - His Control (Sovereignty)
      - Matthew 28.18 (NLT) Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth."
    - Authority of His Word
      - Hebrews 4.12 (NASB) For <sup>a</sup>the word of God is <sup>b</sup>living and <sup>c</sup>active and sharper than any two-edged <sup>d</sup>sword, and piercing as far as the division of <sup>e</sup>soul and <sup>f</sup>spirit, of both joints and marrow, and <sup>g</sup>able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
  2. **Submit to His Design**
    - The roles that we are created for (male, female, child, parent, grandparent)
      - Ephesians 5.22-33
    - His plan for discipleship (home)

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- Deuteronomy 6.6-9 (The Message) “Write these commandments that I’ve given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.”

#### Area #2 – Fidelity (definition)

- “Faithfulness to obligations, duties, or observances.”
- “Allegiance to a person or a cause”
- Exclusivity or jealousy

“fidelity.” *Dictionary.com Unabridged (v 1.1)*. Random House, Inc. 03 Apr. 2008. <Dictionary.com <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/fidelity>>.

#### THE MODEL – Christ

- Temptation of Christ (Luke 4) – Resists chance to make it all about him
- The woman at the well (John 4) - Dependence
- Feeding of 5000 (John 6)– Resists earthly kingship

#### THE MEASURE – How are we doing?

- What has God asked us to be faithful with?
  1. Devotion to Him as God (Lordship)
    - Joshua 1.7-9 (NLT) Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
  2. Devotion to the relationships He has placed us in
    - Alter-ego “I’m so much cooler online...I grow another foot and loose a bunch of weight every time I log in”
  3. Devotion to making His plan our own
  4. Devotion that is life-long (Wedding VS. Marriage)

#### Conclusion:

##### Joshua 24.14-15 (NLT)

“So fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone. But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

1. Choose (fidelity) & serve (submit)
2. Repent of your infidelity & repent of your rebellious heart
3. Remember God’s design is worth it...it is good...He is good!
4. Stop floating & get **connected**

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