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Lesson 2: it's not about me

- i. Countdown & Announcements
- ii. Song- "Wholly Yours"

Question: As you mature, how does your opinion of what a good parent is change?

- immature: give me what I want, do what I want, have what friends I want, and have them bless it
- mature: trust their advice, obey, realizing they know what is best

*We think the world revolves around us and everyone should mold to our desires

The same is true with someone who is a mature Christian and someone who is immature or "lost".

Question: How do you think most people view God?

- someone who does what we want, answers our prayers (no matter what), doesn't punish, allows you to do worship and follow Him your own way

Answer these statements that come up today:

1. All ways lead to God. God wouldn't be narrow-minded to just let the "white American's" religion be the only way to Heaven/God.
2. I do more good things than bad, so I am a Christian.
2. A good God wouldn't let bad things happen to good people.
3. God honors whatever you do as long as you do your best.
4. If God is real, He would answer all my prayers the way I want.

Question: What do all these statements have in common?

- they make it all about us and God molding to us
- it is just like the immature kid/teen who thinks their parents doesn't know what's best

*If we follow a god that we mold into who we think He should be, what happens when things don't turn out?

*Based on what we've talked about, what do we learn from **Isaiah 55:9**?

I. Good failures

- the Pharisees
- the disciples who tried to do miracles on their own (**Matthew 17:19**)
- even Job

II. Job Was Pretty Close To Perfect

***Job 1:1**- if anyone could boast, it was him

Question: So what ends up happening to this "righteous" guy?

Question: For the person who thinks that a good god wouldn't let something bad happen to a good guy, what do you think they would feel in this situation?

II. Job's Heart Exposed

***Job 31:1-34.** What are some reasons that Job gives as to why he doesn't deserve bad things?

***Question:** Do you think Job deserved bad things?

*EVEN JOB was a sinner. All men deserve God's wrath. It is only by His grace that we experience God's blessings

A. Job says "Come on God, what do You have to say for Yourself?" (**Job 31:5**)

B. A close godly friend exposes where Job went wrong (**Job 32:1-2**)
-Job felt that he was righteous on His own and that God "owed" him

III. God's Response (**Job 38-39**)

IV. Job Finally Get's It

A. God asks where His accuser is (**Job 40:1-2**)

B. Job realizes that it is all about God and not about Him (**Job 40:3-5**)

V. Do We Get It? (**Job 42:1-6**)

*The amazing thing is that by God's grace, He not only blessed Job after Job realized who he was in relation to God, but God blessed him abundantly.

*As we learned from Isaiah last week, God will not use us, bless us, or answer our prayers until we fully recognize and worship Him for who He is and who we aren't.

Ask Yourself: What are some ways I've made it all about me?

Spend time and worship God by recognizing who He is and your need for Him. Thank Him for blessing you by grace, even though you don't deserve it.