



————— ≈ *Week 5: The Gift of A Greater Desire* ≈ —————

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Memory verse: Colossians 3:1-4 *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

————— ≈ *Reflection and Discussion Notes* ≈ —————

† A greater desire

† God's gifts for life right now

† These gifts will only take on true transformational power when our first place passion, increasingly, is GOD.

† Reality! Two of the most powerful motivators for *how we actually live* are our greatest FEARS and our greatest DESIRES.

Hebrews 7:18-19, Deuteronomy 29:9, Romans 3:20, Galatians 3:23-26

† ***This is the Better Hope!*** That we may come to Christ by FAITH, as we are, with all of our baggage, our weakness, our questions, our hopes, our hurts, and entrust it all to him as we begin a new life as his children, accepted, holy, and dearly loved. Here, we will experience transformation a RESULT of our relationship with Him, not as a REQUIREMENT to be in relationship with Him.

† So here's the question! What does it look like to *draw near to God*? To daily walk the path where Christ is our greatest desire?

- It doesn't mean we must let go of our SECOND place desires.
- Through obedience?
- God's gift of relational practices

† When we wake up on a regular morning, with the hopes, goals, and things we want to happen in the day before us, what does it look like to CHOOSE for Christ to be our greatest desire?
Colossians 3:1-4

- As a believer, you have been RAISED with Christ.
- *You died*, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.
- As a believer, Christ is your LIFE!
- In Christ, we have the hope of ETERNITY.

† A call to prayer