

JOURNEY TO THE GARDEN 2: HOW & WHY TRUMP WHAT

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Be concerned with the how and why of life, not the what.

Jesus finished the work given to Him.

How:

- Abiding life: live a life that requires God, not just includes God.

  Walk in your spiritual gifts. *Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Ephesians 4:4*
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- Obedient life: cut the noise and sin.
  John 15:4-5; 1 John 2:24; 1 John 2:27

Why:

- To give God glory.
  1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Samuel 16:7; Proverbs 21:2; James 4:3

- To live with purpose, pointing others to God.

What:

- "Temporal" what: the things of the world that will fade away.

- "Eternal" what: know Christ in the midst of job, home, and life.
  Daniel 10:12; Ephesians 2:10; Romans 14:8; 1 Corinthians 6:20

Our prayer: Lord, I want to know You and glorify You. I trust You to take care of the rest. *Matthew 6:33*

For further reflection and discussion:

- "How and Why" trumps "What". Why is this true?
- Which "Why" are you most tempted towards?
- How clear are your spiritual gifts to you?
- Are you growing in "How and Why" or just living for "What"?

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