WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

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The Passage

Matthew 6:19-24

Questions

What is your favorite thing right now? Favorite hobby, song, toy, entertainment?

What does Jesus mean when he says no one can serve two masters?

What can we do as a family to remind us to focus on Jesus daily?

Prayer

God... we thank you for caring for us. We need you so much in everything we do. We admit that often our hearts are distracted by other things. Help us to stay focused on who you are and to ignore the other things, even the good things, that can lead us away. Please help our family to desire you alone. We love you so much.



The Story

Our attention can be easily distracted. Think about the the new game, the new clothes, the new song, the new toy... At first, we want to wear it, play with it, or listen to it constantly. New things look so good and can be so catchy!!! But the newness fades and the next song or toy comes along. The object that was everything is now forgotten. When Jesus spoke in Matthew 6, he did so fully understanding our human hearts. He knew that we can be easily distracted, that our hearts are easily led away. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Jesus is saying that the things that take our time and draw our eyes can be the very things that guide our hearts away from God. Sometimes it is the little distractions that lead our hearts away,. Sometimes it is our goals and dreams that take a bigger role in our lives than they should. But whatever the case, Jesus is calling us to check our hearts. Money, family, fun, success, church, and a ton of other things can all be great. But if they hold our hearts, they hold a place reserved only for our Savior. Is your day and your life driven by the constant new things that we find scattered around us in our world? Do you find yourself leaping from one idea, hobby, passion, or distraction to another? Is there something, even if it is good, that matters to you above everything else? But more importantly, do those things, activities, or passions hold more of your heart than the God of the universe? Jesus is calling us to evaluate, not just today but daily, to make sure he is the centerpiece of our lives.