



## Mid-week Word with Pastor Heidi Truitt

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### Jesus-Only

“...and so worship God acceptably... (Heb 12:29)

**Memory verse:** “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you” (Mt. 6:33).

King Solomon had it right. The richest (and wisest) man who ever lived – he had it all. After all the chasing and striving (600 wives and immeasurable wealth), what was his end-of-life conclusion? “Vanity, vanity (breath, vapor), all is vanity” (Eccl. 1:2). In the “autumn” of my life, I have become increasingly aware of the empty, false gods I have chased after and bowed down to. These “teachers of lies” offered one thing – emptiness (Hab. 2:18).

The first to be called were fishermen (Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John). By asking them to leave their nets Jesus was saying – Will you trust me? Will you leave your security and identity in this life – for Me? He’s asking you and me the same question: Will you worship Me when *others disapprove* and/or there’s *no earthly thing* to gain? Will you worship Me when the road is long, lonely, and weary, and the sacrifice is great? This is the call of the Christ-follower: To leave our “nets,” count the cost, and follow Him (Mt. 4:19). Will I worship Jesus-*only*? All else is vanity.

**Prayer for today:** Lord, show me what (and who) I have placed before You. Help me to “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.” Convict me of anyone or anything that has come before worshiping you *first*, worshiping you *only*. Teach me what is acceptable worship as unto *You*. Forgive me for seeking after those things that are empty, fleeting, and self-focused – my false gods have grieved your heart (Heb. 12:29b). In Jesus’ Name, Amen.