



UNDIVIDED HEART

*Teach me your way, Lord,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
**give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.***

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;

I will glorify your name forever.

*For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.*

Psalm 86:11-13

I was listening to a worship song about God – All of You or Nothing. This song is reflective of the time we are in right now. In order to navigate the days ahead we must have an undivided heart for God and His Kingdom.

Psalm 86:11 says give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name. Undivided means complete devotion – all or nothing – for God is a jealous God.

*You must worship no other gods, for **the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.** Exodus 34:14*

God is asking for your complete devotion to him – all in or all out. It is essential at this time we come before God, surrendering afresh our lives to Him. Surrender afresh, hand everything over to Jesus – have your way Lord - everything that I am and everything I have is yours Jesus, not my will but yours be done.

*I have been crucified with Christ and **I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.** The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me and gave himself for me.***

Galatians 2.20

Come before God in reverence and humility allowing Him to search your heart and mind. Unknowingly, we can hold onto things (people, places, desires, habits) that are not the will of God for your life. Will you trust God and hand over everything to Him? Will you speak the words to God's heart, 'not my will but yours be done'?

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Psalm 139:23-24

Jesus wants your YES. He is looking for hearts and minds that are completely devoted to Him. When we realise the truth that Jesus died for us so we can live for Him, we understand our life is no longer our own. We have chosen to surrender everything to Him so He can live in us and through us.

*And he died for all, that **those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.** 2 Corinthians 5:15*

*Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall **love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31*

Do you have an undivided heart for God? Is Jesus the Lord of ALL your life or just those parts you have allowed Him to be? Paul, an apostle of Christ, talks about having a godly jealousy for God's people. In 2 Corinthians 11, Paul speaks of the dangers of accepting whatever people say even if it's not the true gospel, the true message of Jesus preached or the Holy Spirit we have received. Agreeing with anything less than the truth will corrupt your pure and undivided devotion to Jesus.

*For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ. **But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed.** 2 Corinthians 11:2-4*

There is a transformation God works in us. This transformation is changing us into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. This transformation is done through the power of God's Spirit, however, we still have choices we make every day that can either lead us closer to God or further away.

*We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. **Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.** 2 Corinthians 3:13-18*

*But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then **choose today whom you will serve.** Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But **as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.**" Joshua 24:15*

Will you trust God? Will you let God direct your path and let him be Lord of ALL your life? Are you ALL in or ALL out for there can be no in-between when uniting with the Lord. Indeed, Jesus has promised he will vomit the lukewarm out of his mouth.

*"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. **So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.** Revelation 3:15-16*

PRAYER

All that I am and all that I have I surrender afresh to you today God. I am sorry for the choices I have made in my life that do not honour you and have led me away from you and your truth. Search my heart and mind Lord. Shine your light on anything in me that offends you or does not glorify you. Create in me a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Guide me by your Spirit. I love your ways, I love your truth, I love your Holy Spirit. Give me an undivided heart for you God that I may fear you. Here I am, send me. Amen

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

The time of Jesus’s return is imminent. God does not want anyone to perish but that everyone should know God, repent and turn from their evil ways. God is preparing His people for the return of Christ – His pure bride.

*The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, **he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.** But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment. 2 Peter 3:9-10*