

Dan challenged us to glorify God in three ways. He said honoring God the Father is how we show love and adoration, particularly in our prayer life. Spending time in the Word is showing reverence to the Son. God, through His Spirit, gives us the strength to put Him first, and that obedience is what gives glory to the Spirit.

Two of my sons are adopted, and they do not know their biological fathers. One son's father was unknown, and the other son's father was absent and later committed suicide. In addition, their foster dad was convicted of a crime and ended up divorced and in jail. When both boys came to live with us, they loved my husband right away. They wrestled with him and rode the Sea-doo cradled in his arms. They played catch in the yard and watched my husband go to work. They anxiously waited as he came home faithfully each night. Whether they knew it or not, they desperately needed a father. I hope my boys someday understand what it means to be our children. I hope they never feel like an outsider or unwanted. I hope they see our love as a tiny representation of God's love for them. Maybe God's gift of giving my boys an earthly father will be the thing that draws them to our Heavenly Father.

One of the things that attract me to God is recognizing His grace, even when I have sin in my life. I'm often overwhelmed by His gifts. Paul wrote in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus' death is what reconciles me to God – even though I don't deserve it. It's what pulls me into a deeper relationship with Him. What is it for you? Do you have a verse that stirs deep in your soul and helps you recognize how much you are loved? Do you realize that you have a Father that wants to include you in His family? Or is it an event that you can reflect back on when you knew that God was there . . . and that He cared. Once you recognize it, hold onto it. Dan's challenge, then, is to respond with love, to be transformed, and to obey the Spirit's promptings to serve others.

**Questions to Consider:**

The Greatest Commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39) In what ways do we love God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit?

Everything we do should center of God. In what areas of my life am I centering on God? In what areas of my life am I centering on myself?

How is reading the Bible connected to making God the center of my life?

How is being obedient to the Spirit related to loving God?

Dan said, "Discipline makes disciples." In what areas do I need to be more disciplined?

Knowing Jesus should transform us. In what ways has He already changed me? In what ways is God working to change me now?

Our sole purpose is to bring glory to God. If someone looked at my life, what would they say is my sole purpose?

What are ways I can glorify God the Father . . . God the Son . . . the Holy Spirit?

Dan asked, "Why did God stop and create humanity?" He answered, "So we could feel Him, so we could honor Him, so we could have Him as our center." In what ways do I feel God? How do I honor Him? Is He my center?

***Additional Verses:*** *Genesis 1, Mark 1:9-13, John 1, Romans 5:8*

***Radical Reminder:***

I will pray for the entire world.

I will read through the entire Word.

I will sacrifice my money for a specific purpose.

I will spend time in another context.

I will commit my life to a multiplying community.

How am I doing in each of these areas?