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SERMON OUTLINE

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Life For God ~ Pastor Nick Campagna

What does it look like?

- Center of the universe is God's mission
- I have to accomplish things **for God** and contribute to His mission to make Him happy with me and earn credit with Him.
- Second son in the prodigal son story: *Look at all I did for you!!*
Luke 15:25-32

What makes it attractive?

- God's original intent for us was a mission, to rule over the earth and to fill and subdue it in communion with Him.
- There is something to show for your work, allows you to fill need for significance

How does it fall short?

- Puts God's mission ahead of God Himself.
- Takes fear of insignificance and throws gasoline on it
- It's the same attitude toward the father but a different approach to getting the blessings.
Matthew 7:21-23

What is Jesus inviting us in to?

- Experiential knowledge of Jesus - Paul in prison writes to Philippi: *"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."*
- Personal connection with Jesus is what Paul valued above all else.
- Living in security knowing that all the Father has is ours, we are co-heirs with Christ and valuing Him above all else.

Discussion Questions

1. In the midst of your sins, whatever they may be, how do you think God views you?
2. How is the call to LIVE FOR GOD communicated in your church or faith community? What people and activities are most celebrated? What is ignored? How does it make you feel?
3. Are different vocations "ranked" in your community either explicitly or implicitly? How would you list them from most important to least?
4. In the parable of the lost sons (Luke 15), do you identify more with the younger son or the older? What truths about yourself do you see in each character?