

**Victory over FOBO - Fear of Being Ordinary**

- Approach daily repetitive tasks with a biblical worldview
- Put on the faith goggles fitted with Patience and Endurance lenses
- God – Director; We – Actors; Benefit – know and enjoy His Goodness and Wisdom

*We have to have childlike faith in God*

*Not a childish faith which focuses on me, myself, and I*

*I am significant because:*

1. *I know who I am = I am a child of God*
2. *I know why I exist = I exist to glorify God and enjoy Him forever*
3. *I know where I will go when I die = when I die I will live forever in heaven with Jesus Christ, My Savior*

**God's Goodness-** *His gracious generosity that He abundantly supplies for our benefit and to meet our needs*

- *God's Goodness is defined by His character and His conduct – Psalm 119:68*
- *Who we are determines what we do*
- *God is good, so He does only good*
- *He has no blemishes*

*Character is always integrating with conduct*

**Psalm 119:68 TLB** - *You are good and do only good; make me follow your lead.*

- *He does good*
- *God is morally excellent*
- *God is extraordinarily beautiful*
- *God is extravagantly bountiful*

*God created man in His image; therefore, man should be like Him*

**Jesus' Goodness** *is defined by His character and His conduct – Acts 10:38*

- *Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power to do good (healing)*
- *All living things pass on their nature through birth (Adam nature was sinful)*
- *Jesus is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam*

**Believer's Goodness** *is defined by our character and our conduct*

- **Character** – Ephesians 2:8-9, **Conduct** – Ephesians 2:10;
- 2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:14-21
- *We have been anointed and empowered to do Good*
  - *We should be walking in this goodness*

**Biblical definition:**

**Worship** *is an attitude of reverence and adoration and also the action of humble, loving service to God; who alone is worthy (Matthew 4:10)*

**Matthew 4:9-10** *God is the only ONE that deserves My worship!*

God is seeking (putting effort and watching everything) 3 things for Christians to be:

1. **Good worshipping Christians** (John 4:19-25)

(from the standpoint of being compared to His standard, not us making up our own stuff or following our own standard);

- Those who will worship in spirit and in truth
- We were created to find our fulfillment by responding with Thankfulness for the greatness and goodness of God (Psalm 103:1-12)
- Don't let God say this about you (Isaiah 29:13)
- Does worship stop when we have questions/difficulties? Psalm 13 (a lament psalm for answers to help us...)
  - What about when things are falling apart?
  - Do we have strategies to continue during difficulties?

A strategy that we can use: **Psalm 13** – This is how David demonstrates how he laments during his oppression by the enemy

5 parts to a lament psalm:

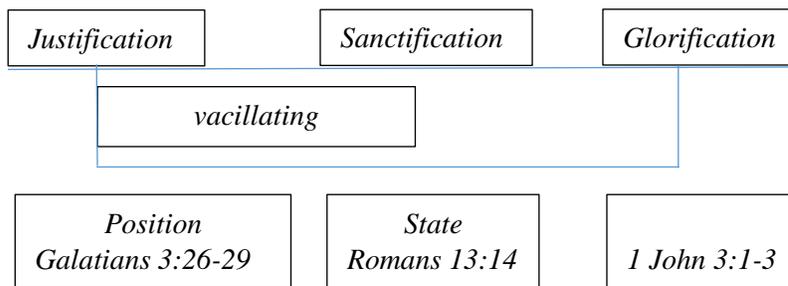
- 1) Invocation – “How long, Lord?” (verse 1)
  - David calls on the One who can do something (only God)
- 2) Lament – bitter questions – “Will you...?” (verses 1-2)
- 3) Petition – demands an answer from God (verses 3-4); if you don't I'm going to die...
  - 4 times, David asks “How long” – he's desperate for God to do something
- 4) Trust – determined to trust God (verse 5)
  - I still trust you Lord
- 5) Worship – because of God's goodness (love, salvation, care) (verse 6)
  - God, you delivered me before, I know you can do it again

2. **Good smelling Christians** 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Why am I putting on Jesus twice?

- 1<sup>st</sup> when we're saved
- 2<sup>nd</sup> we put Him on every day, so that we may live according to His will

Romans 13:11-14



1. Put on Jesus! Ephesians 6

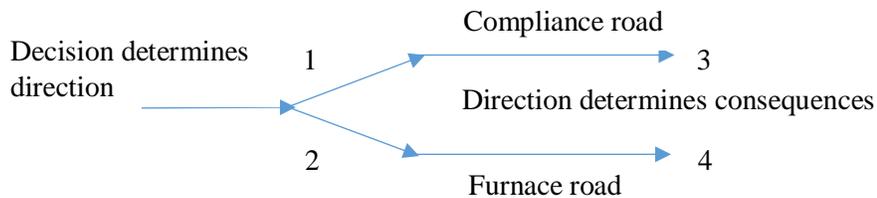
2. Remove deeds (purity); put off evil deeds – 1 John 3:2-3

3. Put on the armor of light; integrity (in terms of soundness)

- We need to be transparent, responsible in terms of behavior
- What we do in public should match what we do in private.
- When we put on integrity, we will smell like Jesus!
- Don't make plans to sin – make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts
- The closer we get to God, the more frustrated we should get with ourselves when we sin

*Examples from the scriptures for “putting on Jesus”:*

- *6 days-a-Week-Christians (not only on Sunday)*
  - *Daniel 6:1-12 – Daniel shows us how to do it!*
  
- *Conscience decisions that we wrestle with because we are afraid of consequences*
  - *Daniel 3:1-18 – Shadrach and friends, show us how to do it!*
  - **Conscience testers** – *decisions we have to make in every day life – cheating, lying, stealing; will I submit a false document; will I lie about something...*
    - *Thou shalt have no other gods before me – a conscience tester – bowing to Nebuchadnezzar’s golden image was a test of their commitment to God’s commandment*
    - *They had to make a decision whether to bow down or not – if they do, they will probably be promoted, have good standing with the king – (**Compliance road**)*
    - *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego trusted God to deliver them no matter what and even if He didn’t, they still trusted God (**Furnace road**)*



- *We need to trust God to take care of us*
- *Even though we may know the consequences, we still need to trust God*

### 3. *Good looking Christians*