

# Forty Days of Purpose Devotional

## Day 13 "God wants all of you."

Imagine you spend an afternoon working in your garden, growing increasingly hungry. From inside your house you smell the enticing aroma of baking bread. Your hunger becomes focused – you long for a warm slice of fresh bread with butter. Finally, you go inside to eat, and are offered bread with butter and jam. No, you say, you'd just like the bread and butter. Then you are offered bread with no butter. No thank you, I'd like butter on my bread. You don't want something extra added, nor do you want something taken away. God feels that way about you. He desires the real, complete person without the addition of extra religious "jam", nor does He want less than all you are. God has indeed been working in His garden, and He is hungry for genuine relationships with His children. As any father longing for the love of a child, He does not care how fast we run, only that we run to Him.

*"His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love."*  
(Ps 147:10-11 [NIV])

Now let's shift places, so that we are working in the garden and God is baking the bread. We smell the bread, but mistake it for something else and become hungry for that. We go in to eat. Since bread is all there is to eat we have a little, but God sees our disappointment. We then try to cover up our disappointment by complimenting God on the delicious pudding. Is He pleased? Would you be?

- God gives us the gift of hunger, and then the wonderful gift of Himself to satisfy our hunger.
- There is only one God, and the truth about Him is revealed in the Bible.
- When the truth of who we are in our need encounters, trusts and receives the truth of who God is in His sufficiency, true worship occurs. God wants nothing less.

Focus your attention on the combined power and love of God. He created the universe out of nothing, and so you have reason to know that He is not limited by the availability of raw materials. God is not stuck with you as you are, but wants to craft something unique and beautiful from what you are now. But, He can only do so if you offer all that you are to Him – so He can do His work. Commit yourself to know and trust the God who has good plans for you. Honestly confess if you doubt His goodness.

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