

SERIES: Ancient Voices for a Fractured Age
WEEK 9: WHAT DOES GOD REALLY WANT FROM ME?
TEXT: Micah 6:1-8 (ESV)

BIG IDEA: GOD ISN'T LOOKING FOR INCREASINGLY IMPRESSIVE THINGS FROM US; HE WANTS A LIFE THAT REFLECTS A GENUINE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

1. WE TEND TO FORGET WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE FOR US

"Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case... Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD... for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel." **Micah 6:1-2 (ESV)**

"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam." **Micah 6:3-4 (ESV)**

"O my people, **remember** what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD." **Micah 6:5 (ESV)**

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:8 (ESV)**

PERSONAL APPLICATION: HAVE I FORGOTTEN ENOUGH OF WHAT GOD HAS DONE THAT FOLLOWING HIM HAS BEGUN TO FEEL LIKE A BURDEN?

2. WE CAN GIVE GOD THINGS INSTEAD OF OURSELVES

"**With what shall I come before the LORD**, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?" **Micah 6:6 (ESV)**

"Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" **Micah 6:7**

PERSONAL APPLICATION: AM I OFFERING GOD RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY IN PLACE OF SOMETHING HE IS ACTUALLY ASKING FROM ME?

3. GOD HAS ALREADY SHOWN US THE KIND OF LIFE HE DESIRES

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8 (ESV)

- a. "...to do justice."**
- b. "...to love kindness."**
- c. "...and to walk humbly with your God."**

"Humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." **Philippians 2:8 (ESV)**

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." **Ephesians 2:8–10 (ESV)**

CLOSING

IS WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR ME ACTUALLY CHANGING THE WAY I LIVE?