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A young man struggling with homosexuality had bought into the idea that he could be a Christian while still practicing homosexuality. His friends in “the lifestyle” argued that if God is love, and God made him that way, God would accept him as he is. He believed it.

But the young man was sincere. And after trying to live that way for many years, he confessed to a Christian friend he still felt completely empty.

The Christian friend had loved him unconditionally through the years, even though he did not approve of his lifestyle. They were roommates in college when he first confessed that he struggled with same-sex attractions. The Christian did not “freak out,” curse him and move out. Instead, the Christian friend had shared what the Bible said about homosexuality and committed to pray for him. He had never broken that commitment.

So that day, they met for lunch. In the middle of a casual conversation, the struggling homosexual made the confession. He still believed he could “make it work,” being a “homosexual Christian.” “But something is missing,” he acknowledged.

Then the Christian friend asked him a question that would forever change the young man’s life. He said, “Well, let’s say for the sake of argument you get to have a one on one chat with God and He asks you, point blank, to leave the homosexual lifestyle. Would you do it?”

Deeply offended, the struggling homosexual said, “God would never ask such a thing! He created me this way, and He loves me.”

The Christian friend, noting the indignation, said, “I think you’re missing the point of my question.” He explained that there was another man of whom God asked “something God would never ask.”

In Genesis 22, God asked Abraham to take his only son Isaac and offer him as a sacrifice to the Lord. Abraham’s faith and commitment to the Lord was strong; he knew that with God all things are possible.

Hebrews 11:17-19 says:

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*, of whom it was said, ‘*In Isaac your seed shall be called*,’ concluding that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

“So, you see,” the Christian friend concluded, “the question for you becomes, ‘Is God the Lord of *everything* in your life?’ Because if He is, then there should be no hesitation for you to answer my question in the affirmative, ‘yes, I would leave the homosexual lifestyle if God asked me to. I would do anything for Him.’ And if that *is* your answer, the question then becomes, ‘Is he asking that of you?’ Is God asking you to be holy as he is Holy, by leaving the homosexual lifestyle? Is *that* what you are missing? You must seek that answer.”

This parable is not really about homosexuality. It is about something much deeper. It is about the place God occupies in our lives. He must be preeminent.

The message should actually spark some humility *in all of us*. If we say that God is Lord of all, why do we continue to live our lives as if He were not? Why do we continue to engage in the same behaviors that we know deep inside are hindering our relationship with Him?

You have tried a thousand times, failing each and every time. Isn’t it time to let Him take the reins? Isn’t it time you let Him have preeminence in your life?

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