40 Days of Prayer & Devotion to Easter

Day 30

In John 12:26 Jesus said, "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."

All throughout the Bible, and all throughout the New Testament, God makes it abundantly clear that you cannot love God and love this world. Christ is saying that same truth in a specific way. In John 12:26 Jesus is communicating that if you love Him, you will serve Him and you will follow Him. The Gospel is not something that we should try and separate. Rather, when we consider what Christ did for us on the cross, how He provided salvation for all who believe in Him, why would we not want to follow Him? Why would we want to live for the things of this world?

The message of the Gospel does not teach that we will be perfect in our conduct here on earth, but believers in Christ ought to grow in their walk with Him and therefore become stronger in their faith and desire to live outward for Christ.

What about you? Are you someone who knows Christ yet is being tempted to live only for this world? Well, join the club of every Christian who has lived. I hope as you consider what John 12:26 says that you would be further committed to living for Christ.

- Pastor Luke Pauli

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