

## What Does God Really Want?

- We've all gotten what we wanted and ended up with the very thing we didn't want.
- Lurking in the shadows of what we want is what we really want—what we value.
- What we naturally want is often in conflict with what we actually value.
- To get what we really want, we must discover what we actually value.
- When we discover what we really value, we are less prone to settle for what we merely want.

*Then we asked the scary question:*

- **What does God really want?**

*Scary. We assume the rest of the question is:*

What does God **really** want **from** us?

*But what do **good** parents want **from** their children? **For** takes precedence over **from**. What does God **really** want **for** us?*

*The God who created us in his image, loves us, revealed himself to us in Jesus?*

*The God who came as one of us, to stand with us, to show he was for us? He wants for us:*

- **Peace**
- **Self-control**

- Faithfulness
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Joy

1. What you really want is what you were created for.
  2. What you were created **for** is connected to who you were created **by**.
- **The kingdom of this world is designed to distract you from what really matters.**

**Romans 8:5-8** - *“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”*

**Romans 12:1–2** - *1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but... be transformed by . . .the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*