**CHRIST OR COMPROMISE (2)** 2022-01-23

 “Don’t be like the world” **ROMANS 12:2**

* On Friday, I had the privilege of holding the tiniest baby I’ve ever held. Little Isobel, one of twins born to Alvin and Bernadine, was born at a mere 1,8kg’s
* Whilst holding this precious life, it reminded me of this truth:

If we let Him, God will hold our entire life and everything that’s relevant to us, in His loving hands.

* If we become obsessed with The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as They are obsessed with us, we’d live powerful purposeful lives, without compromise.
* *Recap:* On starting this series, we spoke about three areas that are easy for us to compromise in and the damage that this can do.
* Those three areas are: 1.What we think and say, 2. Time management and 3.Laziness

*This week we’ll focus on a simple way, to help us ensure that we don’t compromise*

 **GOD IS OBSESSED WITH US**

***God’s obsession with us***

* God’s interest in us is not just some casual pastime or hobby that He has on the sideline, to keep Himself busy when He’s got nothing else to do.
* We are His primary obsession in every positive sense of the word:

**2 CHRONICLES 16:9b(NLTSE)** The eyes of the Lord ***search*** the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him

**PSALM 8:4(NLTSE)** What are mere mortals that You should ***think about them***, human beings that you should care for them?

**PSALM 35:27(NKJV)** Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favour my righteous cause and let them say continually, “Let the Lord be magnified, ***Who has pleasure*** in the prosperity of His servant.

**PSALM 37:23(NLTSE)** The Lord directs the steps of the godly. ***He delights*** in every detail of their lives

***Our obsession with God***

* What does it mean to be obsessed with God?
* Two things:

**1.** Being obsessed with God means being totally convinced, believing entirely, having no doubt whatsoever, that He’s promises for us are real and that He’ll fulfil those promises.

**ROMANS 8:31(NTSE)** If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

**ROMANS 8:38-39(NLTSE)** 38 And ***I am convinced*** that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow, not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below, indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord

**2.** Being obsessed with God means ***delighting ourselves in God***. In other words, there is nothing and no-one, in all of creation that’s more important to us than God. Not even ourselves!

**PSALM 37:4(NKJV)** ***Delight yourself*** also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

* The following thoughts were inspired by the June 2nd devotion from “My Utmost for His Highest” written by Oswald Chambers
* Everybody is obsessed with something, most of us by ourselves, or by our Christian experience, if we’re born again.
* If we’re obsessed with God, it becomes impossible for the onslaughts of the devil or the cares and worries of this life, to get a stronghold over us.
* It doesn’t mean we’ll never experience concerns or certain anxieties, it just means that these things won’t govern our lives or consume our thoughts.
* Diamond is the hardest substance known to man. Chromium is the hardest steel known to man. Imagine how silly it would be, if we were afraid of somebody trying to hurt us with a pea shooter, while we are completely surrounded by a six meter think diamond sphere, covered with a three meter thick chromium layer on the outside of that? Crazy isn’t it?
* That’s what it’s like when we worry about satan trying to harm us, and worry about the things of this world, while we’re obsessed with God and God is obsessed with us.
* ***So a simple way to help us ensure that we don’t live a life of compromise, is to be completely obsessed with God***.
* Like me holding little Isobel’s entire life and world in my hands, so too will God hold our lives, ***IF*** we let Him.
* God is obsessed with you. Will you let yourself become obsessed with Him?
* Jesus Christ’s obsession with us, drove Him to the cross, to give up His life for us, just to ensure we could live with Him forever.
* Will you respond to The Father’s obsession with you, by becoming obsessed with Him and living a life of no compromise?

**CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. What do you understand by the word “obsession”. Describe this in your own words
2. What do you think the psalmist meant when he wrote, God delights in every detail of your life? (See PSALM 37:23)
3. How will your obsession with God, help you live a life of no compromise?