



I. INTRO/REVIEW

- A. Are you where you want to be?
- B. The basis of introducing change in our life is to move us from here to there
- C. It doesn't matter what you want
- D. Jesus taught us to pray, not my will but your will be done
- E. “Here” is the best place you can be, because “here” is where God is

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) ³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

- **Sound bites from last week...**
 - **“THERE” is the enemy of “HERE”**
 - **If my focus is “THERE” I won't give any attention to “HERE”**
 - **“THERE” diminishes the power of “HERE”**
- F. **You may not be where you want to be, but, what if you are exactly where you're supposed to be?**

II. WHY AM I HERE?

- A. The question of humanity has been: Why am I here?

Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT) ¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Psalm 37:23-24 (TLB) ²³ The steps of good men are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they take. ²⁴ If they fall, it isn't fatal, for the Lord holds them with his hand.

- B. So, why am I HERE?
 - We sometimes think that if God is in my life then everything is always going to be great, and if it isn't then... what's wrong?
 - We can become so fixated on what went wrong that we miss what God wants to develop in us here
- C. “Here” is the best place you can be

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Why am I “Here?”



James 1:2 (NLT) ² “Dear Brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy.

- “Here” is a special place because, God is here

James 1:3-4 (NLT) ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.”

- What we see as an attack might simply be an assignment designed to grow us up

III. WHERE, THERE AND HERE

- A. The substance of “where” and “there” are found in “here”
- B. To get “tHERE”, add the Cross to HERE
 - If you put the Cross HERE, it will take you there

Matthew 6:31-34 (MSG) ³⁰⁻³³ “If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God’s *giving*. People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. ³⁴ “Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.