

Series: God and Kings (2 Chronicles)

Sermon: Jesus is Our Touchdown

Bible Verses: 2 Chronicles 12

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NO MOVEMENT= _____!

Jesus is our goal. "Jesus is our _____." Moves towards the goal!

Rehoboam's position as king was _____ and he had become strong, and then he abandoned the _____ the Lord.

Reality check: sometimes _____ breeds an abandonment of God and God's laws.

Being _____ with things in the world stop us from pursuing _____.

If I love the world, or anything in it, that _____ from moving forward towards Jesus.

God punished Rehoboam for abandoning God's law. Discipline from God is a _____, when we aren't focused on the Lord.

Rehoboam admitted God was right to discipline him, and _____ - in other words, he _____ his life back on pursuing God.

QUESTION: How do we pursue Jesus?

We pursue Jesus by, #1: Asking God for _____.

A.W. Tozer: We pursue God because, and only because, He has first put an urge within us that spurs us to the pursuit. - from *The Pursuit of God*, page 13

We pursue Jesus by, #2: Obedience. I _____ what he asks me to.

We pursue Jesus by, #3: _____ about Jesus and the word of God (Bible).

We pursue Jesus by #4: The _____. We need people to walk with us in this journey.

Growth Group prep

- Why is it so easy for our hearts to long for things in the world, instead of God?
- As an example, think about the many people in Hollywood find *worldly fame, riches, and success* and still are not happy. Reread 1 John 2:15-17. Is it impossible to be Spiritually Happy with worldly success?
- What do you believe are the key phrases in 1 John 2:15-17, and why? Then, what is the hardest part of accepting this?
- A.W. Tozer said, "Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain." Put that quote in your own words. Why does God *wait to be wanted*? Does he *need* something from us?