

SERIES “YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE”

PART FOUR: Refinishing

INTRODUCTION

We'll never get what we really want until we discover what is most valuable. But choosing what's valuable doesn't come naturally. God uses a surprising process to transform us for what we ultimately want.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you have a chance to work through the eulogy exercise Jon talked about two weeks ago? If so, what did you discover?
2. What are some ways your quest for upgrades or experiences has distracted you from what you've determined really matters?
3. Do you think your parents' generation had an easier time focusing on what they valued versus what they merely wanted? How did this play out in your family of origin?
4. Read Hebrews 11:24-26. Moses was able to distinguish between what he wanted and what he valued. What is the relationship between the “fleeting pleasure of sin,” “greater value,” and “looking ahead”? How did Moses overcome the temptation to opt for immediate over ultimate?
5. Read Romans 12:1-2. Does the idea that God's will can be characterized as “good, pleasing, and perfect” strike you as odd? Why or why not?
6. Has there ever been a time when you would have characterized God's will as threatening, unfulfilling, and insensitive to the way you are wired? If so, what changed your mind about God?

KEEPING IN STEP

The kingdom of this world won't provide you with what you really want. It will distract you from what really matters. It will rob you of what you value. What you were created for is connected to who you were created by. The way to get what you really want is to surrender to your heavenly Father and renew your mind.

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.